

THE

PAST AND PRESENT

OF

BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS,

CONTAINING

A HISTORY OF THE COUNTY—ITS CITIES, TOWNS, &c., A BIOGRAPHICAL
DIRECTORY OF ITS CITIZENS, WAR RECORD OF ITS VOLUNTEERS IN
THE LATE REBELLION, PORTRAITS OF EARLY SETTLERS AND
PROMINENT MEN, GENERAL AND LOCAL STATISTICS,
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CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, MAP
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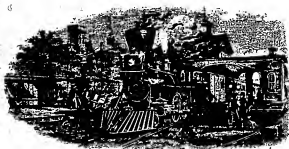
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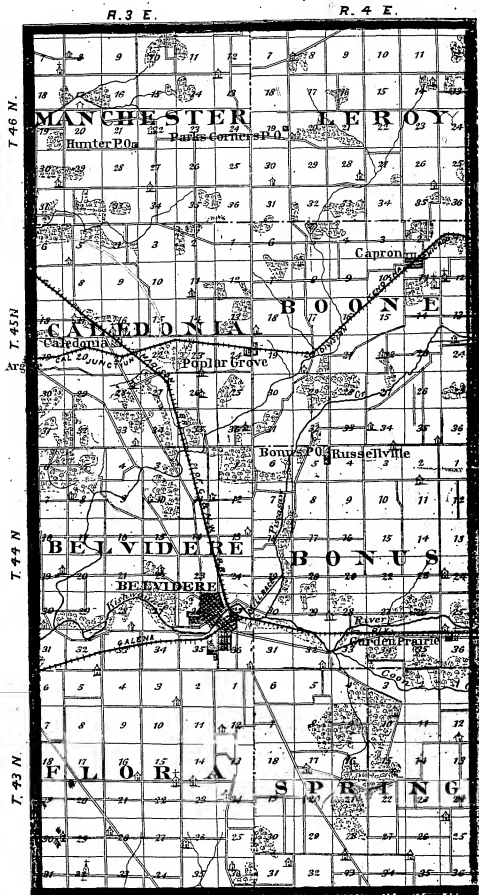
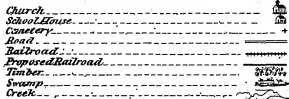
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section
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Miss William Johnson
314 W. Merchants
Beverly, IL 61008



MAP OF
BOONE
COUNTY

REFERENCE



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spelled wrong in
township directory section.

Martin William Johnson
574 W. Menominee
Belvidere, IL 61008

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M.W.P.

PREFACE.

We herewith present to the public **THIS PART AND PRESENT OF DOONE COUNTY**, in historical form. That this volume will be closely criticised by some, approved by others, and read by all, we entertain no doubt. The first we expect, the second we ardently hope for, and the last we earnestly request. It has been our purpose to collect in detail all the incidents relating to the early history of the county, as well as the later events, and to arrange them in such order as to make them not only readable, but interesting, and thus preserve the annals pertinent to pioneer life on the beautiful prairies of the Kishwaukee—the old council grounds—the favorite resort of the Potawatamies. Only in book form could they be thus preserved and handed down to those who will come to succeed the present population in the not far distant "by and by."

The time and labor necessary to the accomplishment of this undertaking, has been an arduous, although not an unpleasant duty. It has been full of interest to us, as well as pleasure, by having brought us in contact and acquaintance with a people whom it is an honor to know, from all of whom we received valuable information, and to all of whom we acknowledge our obligations for words of encouragement, courtesy and uniform kindness.

In this work we present a feature that is new in works of this character—the compilation of a list of the county officers, the judiciary, representatives and senators in the State Legislature, etc., their names, when elected, and all the other minutiae pertaining to a complete record of the civil officers chosen from time to time by the people, and extending over a period of forty years. This department will be invaluable as a source of reference in time to come, and is a feature that we feel assured will be appreciated by the people in whose interest this book is published. This record will date back to the first election for county officers, on the first Monday in May, 1837, and will extend up to and include the last regular election in November, 1870.

That some inaccuracies will be noted must be expected, but we trust they will prove to be few and of minor importance. We have sought to avoid such subjects of objection and criticism by every possible means, and wherever such errors may be detected, we hope they will be attributed to the proper cause. In some instances no records could be found relating to certain facts that we desired to incorporate. In seeking to obtain them by "inter-viewing" the "oldest living settlers," we would sometimes receive conflicting, though honest statements, from different individuals. To sift these statements and arrive at the most reasonable conclusions has been a delicate task, but we have tried to discharge that duty with the single purpose to write of things as they actually transpired. The passage of forty years in the onward flight of time wastes the energy and vigor of men's minds, as well as the strength and vigor of their physical organizations. Circumstances that were fresh in

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their memories ten and twenty years after their occurrence, are almost forgotten when forty years have gone; and when attention is directed to them, their memory recalls them as more like a midnight dream than actual occurrences in which they were partial, if not full participants. The foot-print of time leaves its impressions on everything.

In some instances the reader will observe that we seem to get ahead of incidents as they occurred in the regular order of time and the official records of the county, but this was necessary in order to follow out and dispose of a particular subject. The seeming falling back in such instances as those to which we refer, is only taking up the date or subject from where we digressed. In other words, "resuming when we got ready resume."

The incidents related under the caption of POLITICAL AND PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS, are gathered from Old Settlers and a series of letters written by Dr. Daniel H. Whitney, and published by the Belvidere press a few years ago.

Our undertaking to preserve the *PAST AND PRESENT OF BOONE COUNTY* is completed, and a little remuneration is offered to the intelligent, kind and courteous people of "Little Boone" for their words of approval, the information they have given us, as well as for their generous and liberal patronage, and to assure them that whatever of merit this offering may deserve, is due in some measure to them and the interest they have manifested in a desire to perpetuate in this form the annals of a county which their enterprise and energy has made to rank second to no other county in the state in all that goes to make a community prosperous, dignified and refined.

Respectfully,

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THE NORTHWEST TERRITORY.

GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION.

When the Northwestern Territory was ceded to the United States by Virginia in 1784, it embraced only the territory lying between the Ohio and the Mississippi Rivers, and north to the northern limits of the United States. It coincided with the area now embraced in the States of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, and that portion of Minnesota lying on the east side of the Mississippi River. The United States itself at that period extended no farther west than the Mississippi River; but by the purchase of Louisiana in 1803, the western boundary of the United States was extended to the Rocky Mountains and the Northern Pacific Ocean. The new territory thus added to the National domain, and subsequently opened to settlement, has been called the "New Northwest," in contradistinction from the old "Northwestern Territory."

In comparison with the old Northwest this is a territory of vast magnitude. It includes an area of 1,387,350 square miles; being greater in extent than the united areas of all the Middle and Southern States, including Texas. Out of this magnificent territory have been erected eleven sovereign States and eight Territories, with an aggregate population, at the present time, of 13,000,000 inhabitants, or nearly one third of the entire population of the United States.

Its lakes are fresh-water seas, and the larger rivers of the continent flow for a thousand miles through its rich alluvial valleys and far-stretching prairies, more acres of which are arable and productive of the highest percentage of the cereals than of any other area of like extent on the globe.

For the last twenty years the increase of population in the Northwest has been about as three to one in any other portion of the United States.

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residents are not in index (see back). Biographies are listed by township & in
alphabetical order in each township. pages 341 - 444. See prior pages in Boone Co.
for other good information about early settlers. Parents, Brother & sister in-
-less, Children etc. were not indexed.



Bellevue township directory (biographies only).

Abbe, Amri & wives Sybil Bates & Susan Collins.

Allen, D.W. & wives Mary Elx & Ruth F. Foster.

Anee, George B. & wife Eva S. Watson.

Angell, Abner M.D. & wife L. Augusta Caulkins.

Ballard, Edward & wife S.E. Shelden.

Balliet, J. R. & wife Mary L. Detrick.

Barber, S.G. & wives Louisa Spencer & Mrs. Mc Michael.

Barnes, John & wife Jessie Bréte.

Barringer, Martin & wives Mary Ann Ives & Lunnah Sage.

Bennett, Mrs. Mary S. & husband James Bennett.

Bennett Willis H.

Bentley, Martin C. & wife Sallie Weddruff.

Bogardus, Eli & wife Maria Griffin.

Bowley, Henry P. & wife Hannah Rider.

Bush, A.C. & wife Laure E. Hall.

Campbell, George W. & wife Cornelia Marsh.

Casa, E.W.

Covey, Simon L. & wife Elizabeth Porter.

Conger, Jefferson

Coony R.W. & wives Susan Bacon & Mary A. Keeler.

Crandall, Lucian L. & wife Serena C. Stevens.

Cronk, Enoch & wife Mary Denny.

Dean, George & wives Matilda J. Willis & Elizabeth Smith.

De Munn, Heratton C. & wife Abigail A. Stachneale.

Derthick, Dudley & wife Martha Sisk.

DeLittle, Mrs. Mary & husband Rival DeLittle.

Detry, Simon P. & wives Elizabeth Brewster & Matilda Skiles.

Du Bois, Cornelius & wives Mary Shelden & Mrs. Julie (Brink) Watkins.

Du Bois, Fred S. & wife Celestia M. Gleason.

Elmsfeldt, Rev. Charles P. Eli.

Farner, J.H. & wife S.J. Decosta.

Footte, Hon. John J.

Foster, Leighton & wife Clarissa Richter.

Francis, James & wife Sallie E. Moore.

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Frome, Elijah G. & wife Mrs. Rhoda (Engleston) Cress.

Fuller, Gen. Allen C.

Fuller, Charles F. & wife Sadie A. Mackey.

Gardner, Cephas & wife Pamela Redwell.

Gilean, Col. L.O. & wife Elodie I. Garland.

Gilean, George & wife Elizabeth Hurst.

Goodrich, Joseph & wife Mrs. Harriet L. (Jesse) Fieber.

Geagh, Thomas & wife Carrie Shipoy.

Hamand, D.H. & wife Elizabeth M. Shanks.

Hartwell, George H. & wife Alice M. Rix.

Haynes, John & wife Lucy A. Benbright.

Haywood, Wm. & wife Lydia E. Rix.

Heywood, Jonathan & wife Jane Werthington.

Hildrup, Jesse S. & wife Nellie Brinkerhoff.

Hill, Ira D. & wife Mrs. Phoebe (---) Miller/Gase.

Hollenhead, G.C. & wife Sophronie Johnson.

Hollister, Luther & wife Jane Onderdonk.

Horan, Andrew & wife Catherine Johnston.

Hopkins, D. & wife Frank ? A. Seilly.

Hull, R. & wife Caliste M. Stoeckwell.

Humphrey, J. M. & wife Rosira Neven.

Hurlbut, Stephen A. & wife Sophronie Stevens.

Jemer, Asher E. & wives Mary J. Cook & Emarey E. Lyon.

Jones, A. & wife Mary A. Vanantien.

Keeler, Warren & wife Delotie Kenney.

Kelsey, C.E. & wife Ellen E. Tompkins.

King, Francis & wife Anne Benn.

King, Fred H.E. & wife Frances W. Mack.

Klayen, Job & wife Hannah Ellis.

Knight C.C. & wife Mary Rosencrens.

Lake, Leonard L., M.D. & wife Anneth Martin.

Lambert, Stephen & wife Lydia Orwell.

Leach, E. J. & wife Martha C. Campbell.

Linnell, Thomas J. & wife Mary Thern.

Lirington, Alex L. & wife Maggie L. Cunningham.

Longcor, Samuel & wife Malinda Smith.

Longcor, Addison

Longcor, Leonard S. & wife Juliet G. Fisher.

Langer, John C.
 Leop, Charles B. & wife Maria J. Pierce.
 Lovejoy, Samuel & wife Clara R. Perry.
 Loveless, S. & wife Hannah W. Russell.
 Luce, A.R. & wives Mary French & Emily V. Baker.
 Mc Bride, Wm. & wives Elizabeth Reynolds & Mrs. Sarah Haight.
 Mc Duggall, Charles & wife Fanny Larry.
 Marston, Maria Clark & wife Olive Howard.
 Martyn, James B. & wives Elizabeth Brewer & Eliza. Righter.
 Meen, John & wife Caroline Owen.
 Mev, Ezra & wife Louisa N. May.
 May, Hugh & wife Caroline Hart & Julia Harner.
 Meyer, J. George & wife Theodore Zimmerman.
 Morse, P. & wife Caroline Knowlton.
 Moss, Asa & wife Alvira Stewart.
 Moss, Charles S. & wife Mary C. A. Brown.
 Moss, Edward E. & wife Sarah Gates.
 Moss, W.S.A. & wife Eliza Cady.
 Cogged, Major R. E. & wife Eliza J. Russell.
 Pepper, Samuel & wife Mary Jane Pavoll.
 Pettit, Daniel B. & wife Mary E. Doyle.
 Pertier, Thomas W. & wife Charlotte Lane.
 Quackenbush, A. & wife Julie Martin.
 Roberts, R. & wife P. L. Conroy.
 Robinson, Wm. H.
 Rollins, John A.
 Rowen, N. C. & wife Levia Caswell.
 Seyver, James W. & wife Rutie D. Fisher.
 Sartem, Joy H. & wife Matilda Harbert.
 Scott, Charles, M.D. & wife Clara E. Townley.
 Sewell, Isaac & wife Mary Gehdin.
 Seymour, C.H., M.D. & wife Mary A. Rogers.
 Sherrill, Prof. Henry J. & wives Jennie A. Briggs & Mrs. Alice J. (Bantley) Sawyer.
 Stephenson, John & wives Eliza. Freeman & Martha Telford.
 Sweeney, Samuel & wife Bath Halbes.
 Taylor, Mrs. Electa & husbands Dr. C. Van Brunt & Rev. Ruteline Taylor.
 Terwilliger, James S. & wife Emily Mitchell.

Thomas, Dexter S. & wife Ellen Blake.
 Tomkins, Ems & wife Rebecca Newell.
 Towsley, R.J. & wife Augusta Fryer.
 Treadwell, Eugene E. P. & wife Mrs. Fannie T. () Page.
 Tubball, Isaac W. & wife Mizie G. Wallece.
 Waldeck, John & wife Eliza. Dupuy.
 Walker, Houghton C. & wife Eueline A. Frost.
 Walker, Thomas D. & wife Sarah Smith.
 Wallace, John & wives Eliza. Cobb & Agnes Ray.
 Warren, Henry & wife Rebecca Beach.
 Watson, Elijah & wife Eliza. Palmer.
 Welsher, Rev. Willard & wife Sarah J. Ward.
 Wheeler, Lewis E. & wives Sarah Sheffield & Margaret Sartem & Mary Jess.
 Whitehead, Rev. J.M. & wife Mary J. Patterson.
 Whitman, Charles S. & wives Mary Ann Jockey & Mrs. Jane Harwell.
 Wilcox, Daniel & wife Sarah A. Rix.
 Williams, Joseph B. & wife Tabatha Dealittle.
 Williams, G., M.D. & wife Susie Dunker.
 Wing, Joseph V. & wife Sarah A. Johnson.
 Wims, Francis I. & wife Keeshah Sagar.
 Witbeck, Isaac T. wife Miranda Underdahl.
 Wood, Samuel & wife Lucy A. Stiles.
 Wood, Walter W. & wife Alice E. Humphrey.
 Wrench, Josiah & wife Amelia L. Benjamin.
 Wrate, F.S. & wife Jane Jackson.
 Wright, Omar H. & wife Helen M. Williams.
 Wyman, Charles (deceased) & wife Matilda Steele.

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Alexander, James & wife Sarah Mitchell.
 Betts, Isaac & wife Phoebe A. Tenney.
 Briggs, M.C. & wife Mary J. Held.
 Burnside, Edward
 Caddick, Isaac & wife Catherine J. Bender.
 Chaplin, I.H. & wife Larina Gifford.
 Calvin, J.W. & wife E. M. Williams.
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Hath, C. W. & wives Jane Miller & Cynthia Stevenson.
Halseon, Ole & wife Christina Olsen.
Himan, Stephen & wife Phyllida Goodell.
Iversen, John & wife Christie Nelson.
Kilgus, J. E. & E.A. Crawford.
Klabbe, John & wife Caroline Bucher.
Loing, Walter & wife Orpha Curtis.
Mc Intyre, Donald & Peter's wife Mary Stillars.
Milliken, James S. & wife Rachel Mitchell.
Nemeth, M.S. & wife Mary A. Steele.
Nichols, F.A., M.D. & wife S. Thelma Hart.
Olsen, Ther & wives Rosa T. Olsen & Margie Olsen & Anne Olsen.
Reid, Anne widow of Thomas Reid.
Sands, George & wife Betsy Sands.
Sands, Wm. & wife Helen Milne.
Seungall, Laughlin & wives Mary Anne Carmichael & Nancy Jane Warner.
Stevenson, Edward & wife Sarah Watson.
Stevenson, H.B.
Stevenson, James & wife Belle Nelson.
Stevenson, Silas R. & wife Eliza. J. Pennell.
Stevenson, Wm. R. & wife Emma J. Whipple.
Tripp, G.I. & wife E. J. Stove.
Wagner, David & wife Hannah Gurnes.
Wheeler, Mrs. Eliza E. (Wolcott) widow of Obediah Wheeler.
Willard, H. R. & wife C. M. Morse.
Wootter, N. H. & wife Abigail A. Harey.
Worthington, George W. & wife Lizzie Van Valkenburg.
Yates, A.E. & wife Alice Tripp.
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Avery, Myron K. & wife Abigail M. Tongue.
Bailey, Theodore & wife E. Powers.
Barton, Fred L.
Bennett, George N. & wife Hattie Barker.
Bicknell, E.R. & wife Rebecca Hayes.

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Boyce, Hugh & wife Maria Post.
Burton, Thomas & wife M. Walker.
Conger, Enouch & wife Eleanor F. Martin.
Decker, Lewis & wife Betsy Williams.
Fassett, A.C. & wife A. Hopkins.
Rosekrans, J.D. & wife H. A. Simpkins.
Penley, Abigail C. & husbands Tilden James & C. Penley.
Hale, A.D. & wife Mary Hall.
Haskins, Alanson & wife Lorina Mc Kinney.
Hyde, F.D. & wife Mary A. Bennett.
Hyde, Mrs. Fannella - widow of O. Hyde.
Jackson, Charles D. & wife Mary A. Stone.
Keeler, Milton E. & wife Louisa Owens.
Keeler, Wm. & wife Viola Steckwell.
Kelly, Thomas & wife Mary A. Kays.
Kipp, A. & wife C. Hill.
Lawrence, Franklin & wife Anna Blood.
Lawrence, John (deceased) & wife Lydia Sweet (deceased).
Lawrence, Luther W. & wife Elvira Chamberlain.
Mable, Aaron & wife Amy Turnaure.
Miller, Alfred J. & wife Arletta Stevens.
Miller, I.D. & wife Caroline Min.
Moan, Dennis & wife Margaret Ryan.
Newman, James A. & wives Betsy Andrews & Sarah A. Cook.
Nichols, O.S. & wife Emma Conn.
Payne, D.R. & wife Mahala Sweet.
Pettis, Thomas T.
Porter, Henry & wife Anna E. Rapier.
Porter, James W. & wife Martha J. Keith.
Pryor, Roger & wife Lizsie Burchall.
Randall, J. W. F. & wife C. O. Sutherland.
Roper, Ston & wife Mary C. Clark.
Rulisen, Ralph & wife Maria Passage.
Sacket, Clarence E.
Sacket, Daniel H. & wife Caroline Jagg.
Sands, Fred & wife Henrietta Breaks.
Sears, H.O & wife Harriet A. Ames.

Stapleton, Edward & wife Mary Frier.
 Stockwell, Frank S. & wife Fuller.
 Stone, A. & wife E. H. Kills.
 Tripp, James D. & wife Angelina Maxam.
 Turnure, Uriah B. & wife Laura Gline.
 Watkins, A.L. & wife Eliza. A. Swain.
 Winigar, James O. & wife Sarah A. Horton.
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 Drake, Abner & wife Sophie Stacy.
 Dymond, Robert & wife Elizabeth Clark.
 Grinnell, H. S. & wife Harriet A. Pier.
 Humand, H.A. & wife Melina Stevens.
 Harlewood, Wm. & wife Elizabeth Brem.
 Leach, C. C. & wife Cynthia Smith.
 Mc Hair, Alexander & wife Mary Amour.
 Montanye, J.D. & wife Farnelle Brem.
 Moore, Wm. & wife Mary J. Atkinson.
 Ralston, Jonathan & wife Elizabeth Pickett.
 Ralston, A. J. & wife Margaret Mc Kerrall.
 Reid, W. H. & wife Mary Andrew.
 Sewell, Sattion & wife Maryette Minnell.
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 Allen, W.W. & wife Mary A. Bonsay.
 Atkins, Michael H. & wife Charlotte Atkins.
 Avery, Henry W. Jr. & wife Lydia J. Avery & Rachel P. Mc Card.
 Banks, Sebastian S. & wife Jeannette Bucklin.
 Bennett, Charles & wife Ellen C. Reynolds.
 Blake, William & wife Susan Huckman.
 Case, David L. & wife Dena A. Wheeler.
 Chamberlain, Daniel S. & wife Ella M. Lawson.
 Chena, Charles E. & wife Jane Clark.

Clintie, Jacob & wife Caroline Ernst.
 Gee, George W. & wife Mary Mc Kee.
 Ghesen, Orrill S. & wife A. F. Field.
 Compton, Henry P. & wife Harriet N. Pike.
 Craig, George & wife Martha Gibson.
 Cumingham, Bradford & wife Ellen Neven.
 Dean, Edwin & wife Rebecca B. Law.
 Dean, Orrille E. & wife Hulda L. Creasy.
 Decosta, Jacob & wife Selina Reard.
 Delaverge, George W. & wife Rexey A. Clark.
 Fancher, O. W. & wife Maria E. Eisen.
 Foote, Eli & wife Mrs. Julia A. (Bentley) Milne.
 Fuller, S. & wife Eliza. A. Mordoff.
 Graves, Andrew J. & wife Lydia Nice.
 Graves, Samuel S. & wife Hannah Young.
 Griggs, Calvin & wife Hannah Smith.
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 Griggs, Landen & wife Martha Smith.
 Hall, F. I. & wife Abbie M. Levett.
 Heard, A. & wife Lavine Sexton.
 Jenks, Alenzo M. & wives Mary M. White & Abbie Am Feller.
 Johnson, C. & wife Hannah Johannson.
 Kester, George T. & wife Emma P. Dodge.
 Keith, Lewis & wives Catherine Brown & Louisa M. Farley.
 King, Origin & wives ? Hannah A. Jewling & Jeannette Hastings.
 Kingsbury, Daniel B. & wives Elvira Deus & Laura Young.
 Leman, George & wife Deborah Bennett.
 Lee, William & wives Rebecca Mc Kee & Harriet Taylor.
 Lincoln, Jedediah & wives Mary Balden & Mary Nichols.
 Lucas, O.P. & wife Almira Lauten.
 Lucas, Walter & wife Edna Cushman.
 Mc Cartney, Addison S.
 Mc Kee, Samuel & wife Elizabeth Neff.
 Mac Gemmings, Otis & wife Laura A. Stevens.
 Magee, Garret & wife Ardella Harey.
 Maresen, Alenzo & wife Statie Rehman.
 Morehead, Wm. & wife Margaret Gibson.
 Mum, Alfred & wives Alvira Knapp & Rhoda Spinning.

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 Norton, E.C. & wife Abbie J. Englestein.
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 Oaks, John F. & wives Olivia Matties & Maria H. Lens.
 Paine, B.P. & wife Amanda W. Herry.
 Parlow, Daniel & wife Delia Neerass.
 Pike, Charles W.
 Priest, George W. & wife Fluence Mackey.
 Rasch, William & wife Ella E. Witter.
 Robinson, A. M. & wives Zephira Gombas & Susan Whitney.
 Robinson, A.W. & wife Mary Russell.
 Royal, Allen S. & wife Lucy J. Robinson.
 Shattuck, H. A. & wife Maria Steas.
 Shirley, Lewis & wife Lucinda Keith.
 Shirley, Lewis Jr. & wife Leah Rasm.
 Silvius, Henry & wife Melissa E. Dismick.
 Spencer, James I. & wife Loraine Thompson.
 Swail, Robert & wife Harriet Perkins.
 Tanner, Franklin & wife Julia Wilcox.
 Thompson, Jonathan C. Jr. & wife Elizabeth D. Ivory.
 Webber, F.S. & wife Francis Arvilla Watkins.
 Weed, W. H. & wife Abigail Terry.
 Whipple, W. & wife Elizabeth M. Ryan.
 Wilcox, Henry A. & wife Susan Oaks.
 Williams, James & wife Emma Boyce.
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 Case, Luke & wives Lory Fisher & Abigail A. Hilm.
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 Albright, N.J.C. & wife Adellia Jayne.
 Ashcraft, J.C.
 Atkinson, James & wife Margaret Mc Latchie.
 Barringer, Lawrence & wife Theresa Tealer.
 Baxter, John & wife H. Smith.
 Bishop, D.W.C. & wife L. Crittenden.
 Blackford, Francis & wife Jane Atkinson.
 Blackford, James & wives — Abbett & Lenia Morry.
 Cates, George S. & wife Marilla Haskin.
 Chaffee, George & wife Anita Smith.
 Chamberlin, Mrs. Sarah & husband Wm. H. Chamberlin.
 Cooper, John
 Colvin, Jefferson & wife Mrs. Parks.
 Curtis, Charles & wife Mary Ann Munnery.
 Curtis, Henry & wife Mrs. — (Atkinson) Munnery.
 Davis, Joel Sr. & wife Eleanor Howell.
 De Wolf, Miren & wife Matilda Taylor.
 De Wolf, W.C. & wife Huldah J. Streng.
 Dornham, Mrs. N. M. wife of Daniel H. Dornham.
 Ford, John & wives Hannah G. Martin & Mrs. Gould.
 Gleason, E. L. & wife P.A. Spink.
 Gould, J.B. & wife Charlotte Blackford.
 Gretton, Semon & wife Sarah Luman.
 Hakes, Harrison H. & wife Ann Davis.
 Haver, Joseph & wife Martha Pinger.
 Hollenback, Wm. L. & wife Myra Shattuck.
 Hughes, H. C. & wife Sarah A. Britt.
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 Johnson, Theodore & wife Hena Johnson.
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Maybury, J. wife Deidreanna Wells.
Meers, Richard & wife Maggie Gordon.
Page, Thomas & wife Jane E. Remond.
Peyn, Jira & wife Elizabeth Arnold.
Peters, George & wife Martha Davis.
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Reed, George & wife Eliza A. Vait.
Rogers, John Jr. & wife Carrie Peninger.
Scriven, James & wife Elizabeth Scriven.
Shattuck, F. H. & wife Harriet Britt.
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Smith, Mason & wife Philemella Bartlett.
Swithson, Benjamin & wife Jane Blackford.
Stevens, T. M.
Stockwell, P.R. & wife Caroline P. Arnold.
White, J.M. & wife Stanley.
Wiffin, Robert & wife Leaven.
Williams, Mrs. Elizabeth wife of George Williams.
Wimpe, G. F. & wife Betha Kendall.
Witt, C. P. & wife Eliza A. Breen.
Wolcott, Wm. & wife Pluma L. Barton.

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and recognizing the great benefits of obtaining the control of the trade in this part of the New World, held steadily to their purposes, and those within the commonwealth of Kentucky proceeded to exercise their civil privileges, by electing John Todd and Richard Galloway, burgesses to represent them in the Assembly of the parent state. Early in September of that year (1777) the first court was held in Harrodsburg, and Col. Bowman, afterwards major, who had arrived in August, was made the commander of a militia organization which had been commenced the March previous. Thus the tree of loyalty was growing. The chief spirit in this far-out colony, who had represented her the year previous east of the mountains, was now meditating a move unequalled in its boldness. He had been watching the movements of the British throughout the Northwest, and understood their whole plan. He saw it was through their possession of the posts at Detroit, Vincennes, Kaskaskia, and other places, which would give them constant and easy access to the various Indian tribes in the Northwest, that the British intended to penetrate the country from the north and south, and annihilate the frontier fortresses. This moving, energetic man was Colonel, afterwards General, George Rogers Clark. He knew the Indians were not unanimously in accord with the English, and he was convinced that, could the British be defeated and expelled from the Northwest, the natives might be easily awed into neutrality; and by spies sent for the purpose, he satisfied himself that the enterprise against the Illinois settlements might easily succeed. Having convinced himself of the certainty of the project, he repaired to the Capital of Virginia, which place he reached on November 5th. While he was on his way, fortunately, on October 17th, Burgoyne had been defeated, and the spirits of the colonists greatly encouraged thereby. Patrick Henry was Governor of Virginia, and at once entered heartily into Clark's plans. The same plan had before been agitated in the Colonial Assemblies, but there was no one until Clark came who was sufficiently acquainted with the condition of affairs at the scene of action to be able to guide them.

Clark, having satisfied the Virginia leaders of the feasibility of his plan, received, on the 2d of January, two sets of instructions—one secret, the other open—the latter authorized him to proceed to enlist seven companies to go to Kentucky, subject to his orders, and to serve three months from their arrival in the West. The secret order authorized him to arm these troops, to procure his powder and lead of General Hand at Pittsburgh, and to proceed at once to subjugate the country.

With these instructions Clark repaired to Pittsburgh, choosing rather to raise his men west of the mountains, as he well knew all were needed in the colonies in the conflict there. He sent Col. W. B. Smith to Hol-



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difficulty with the commissioner and his military escort, a fight ensued, in which the chief and his band were routed. They were greatly enraged, and on their retreat, before the day closed, killed eleven inoffensive whites. The nation was aroused and immediate action demanded. A commission was at once appointed by the Government to see what could be done. It comprised the following persons: Gen. E. R. S. Canby, Rev. Dr. E. Thomas, a leading Methodist divine of California; Mr. A. B. Mencham, Judge Rosborough, of California, and a Mr. Dyer, of Oregon.

After several interviews, in which the savages were always aggressive, often appearing with scalps in their belts, Bogus Charley came to the commission on the evening of April 30, 1873, and informed them that Capt. Jack and his band would have a "talk" to-morrow at a place near Clear Lake, about three miles distant. Here the Commissioners, accompanied by Charley, Riddle, the interpreter, and Boston Charley repaired.

After the usual greeting the council proceedings commenced. On behalf of the Indians there were present: Capt. Jack, Black Jim, Schmac Nasty Jim, Ellen's Man, and Hooker Jim. They had no guns, but carried pistols. After port speeches by Mr. Mencham, Gen. Canby and Dr. Thomas, Chief Scholte-in arose to speak. He had scarcely proceeded when, as if by a preconcerted arrangement, Capt. Jack drew his pistol and shot Gen. Canby dead. In less than a minute a dozen shots were fired by the savages, and the massacre completed. Mr. Mencham was shot by Schonchlin, and Dr. Thomas by Boston Charley. Mr. Dyer barely escaped, being fired at twice. Riddle, the interpreter, and his squaw escaped. The troops rushed to the spot where they found Gen. Canby and Dr. Thomas dead, and Mr. Mencham badly wounded. The savages had escaped to their impenetrable fastnesses and could not be pursued.

The whole country was aroused by this brutal massacre; but it was not until the following May that the murderers were brought to justice. At that time Boston Charley gave himself up, and offered to guide the troops to Capt. Jack's stronghold. This led to the capture of his entire gang, a number of whom were murdered by Oregon volunteers while on their way to trial. The remaining Indians were held as prisoners until July when their trial occurred, which led to the conviction of Capt. Jack, Schonchlin, Boston Charley, Hooker Jim, Broncho, *alias* One-Eyed Jim, and Slotuck, who were sentenced to be hanged. These sentences were approved by the President, save in the case of Slotuck and Broncho whose sentences were commuted to imprisonment for life. The others were executed at Fort Klamath, October 8, 1873.

These closed the Indian troubles for a time in the Northwest, and for several years the borders of civilization remained in peace. They were again involved in a conflict with the savages about the country of the



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city of Kingston, Canada. Here he obtained a grant of land from the French crown and a body of troops by which he beat back the invading Iroquois and cleared the passage to Niagara Falls. Having by this masterly stroke made it safe to attempt a hitherto untried expedition, his next step, as we have seen, was to advance to the Falls with all his outfit for building a ship with which to sail the lakes. He was successful in this undertaking, though his ultimate purpose was defeated by a strange combination of untoward circumstances. The Jesuits evidently hated LaSalle and plotted against him, because he had abandoned them and co-operated with a rival order. The fur traders were also jealous of his superior success in opening new channels of commerce. At LaChine he had taken the trade of Lake Ontario, which but for his presence there would have gone to Quebec. While they were plodding with their bark canoes through the Ottawa he was constructing sailing vessels to command the trade of the lakes and the Mississippi. These great plans excited the jealousy and envy of the small traders, introduced treason and revolt into the ranks of his own companions, and finally led to the foul assassination by which his great achievements were prematurely ended.

In 1682, LaSalle, having completed his vessel at Peoria, descended the Mississippi to its confluence with the Gulf of Mexico. Erecting a standard on which he inscribed the arms of France, he took formal possession of the whole valley of the mighty river, in the name of Louis XIV., then reigning, in honor of whom he named the country LOUISIANA.

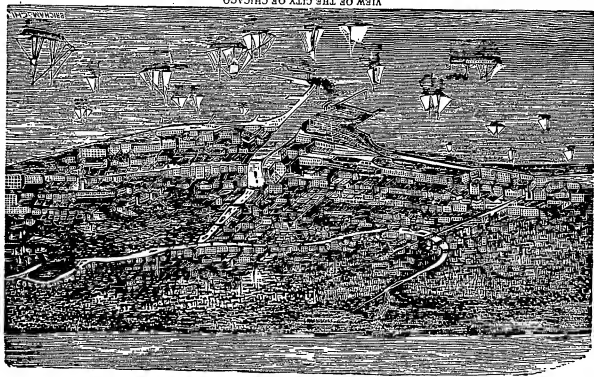
LaSalle then went to France, was appointed Governor, and returned with a fleet and immigrants, for the purpose of planting a colony in Illinois. They arrived in due time in the Gulf of Mexico, but failing to find the mouth of the Mississippi, up which LaSalle intended to sail, his supply ship, with the immigrants, was driven ashore and wrecked on Matagorda Bay. With the fragments of the vessel he constructed a stockade and rude huts on the shore for the protection of the immigrants, calling the post Fort St. Louis. He then made a trip into New Mexico, in search of silver mines, but, meeting with disappointment, returned to find his little colony reduced to forty souls. He then resolved to travel on foot to Illinois, and, starting with his companions, had reached the valley of the Colorado, near the mouth of Trinity river, when he was shot by one of his men. This occurred on the 19th of March, 1687.

Dr. J. W. Foster remarks of him: "Thus fell, not far from the banks of the Trinity, Robert Cavalier de La Salle, one of the grandest characters that ever figured in American history—a man capable of originating the vastest schemes, and endowed with a will and a judgment capable of carrying them to successful results. Had ample facilities been placed by the King of France at his disposal, the result of the colonization of this continent might have been far different from what we now behold."



Robert Cavalier de La Salle

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The procession moved slowly along the lake shore till they reached the sand-hills between the prairie and the beach, when the Potawatamie escort, under the leadership of Blackbird, fled to the right, placing those hills between them and the white people. Wells, with his Miamis, had kept in the advance. They suddenly came rushing back, Wells exclaiming, "They are about to attack us; form instantly." These words were quickly followed by a storm of bullets, which came whistling over the little hills which the treacherous savages had made the covert for their murderous attack. The white troops charged upon the Indians, drove them back to the prairie, and then the battle was waged between fifty-four soldiers, twelve civilians and three or four women (the cowardly Miamis having fled at the outset) against five hundred Indian warriors. The white people, hopeless, resolved to sell their lives as dearly as possible. Ensign Roman wielded his weapon vigorously, even after falling upon his knees weak from the loss of blood. Capt. Wells, who was by the side of his niece, Mrs. Heald, when the conflict began, behaved with the greatest coolness and courage. He said to her, "We have not the slightest chance for life. We must part to meet no more in this world. God bless you." And then he dashed forward. Seeing a young warrior, painted like a demon, climb into a wagon in which were twelve children, and tomahawk them all, he cried out, unmindful of his personal danger, "If that is your game, butchering women and children, I will kill too." He spurred his horse towards the Indian camp, where they had left their squaws and papooses, hotly pursued by swift-footed young warriors, who sent bullets whistling after him. One of these killed his horse and wounded him severely in the leg. With a yell the young braves rushed to make him their prisoner and reserve him for torture. He resolved not to be made a captive, and by the use of the most provoking epithets tried to induce them to kill him instantly. He called a fiery young chief a *squaw*, when the enraged warrior killed Wells instantly with his tomahawk, jumped upon his body, cut out his heart, and ate a portion of the warm morsel with savage delight!

In this fearful combat women bore a conspicuous part. Mrs. Heald was an excellent equestrian and an expert in the use of the rifle. She fought the savages bravely, receiving several severe wounds. Though faint from the loss of blood, she managed to keep her saddle. A savage raised his tomahawk to kill her, when she looked him full in the face, and with a sweet smile and in a gentle voice said, in his own language, "Surely you will not kill a squaw!" The arm of the savage fell, and the life of the heroic woman was saved.

Mrs. Helm, the step-daughter of Mr. Kinzie, had an encounter with a stout Indian, who attempted to tomahawk her. Springing to one side, she received the glancing blow on her shoulder, and at the same instant

seized the savage round the neck with her arms and endeavored to get hold of his scalping knife, which hung in a sheath at his breast. While she was thus struggling she was dragged from her antagonist by another powerful Indian, who bore her, in spite of her struggles, to the margin of the lake and plunged her in. To her astonishment she was held by him so that she would not drown, and she soon perceived that she was in the hands of the friendly Black Partridge, who had saved her life.

The wife of Sergeant Holt, a large and powerful woman, behaved as bravely as an Amazon. She rode a fine, high-spirited horse, which the Indians coveted, and several of them attacked her with the butts of their guns, for the purpose of dismounting her; but she used the sword which she had snatched from her disabled husband so skillfully that she foiled them; and, suddenly wheeling her horse, she dashed over the prairie, followed by the savages shouting, "The brave woman! the brave woman! Don't hurt her!" They finally overtook her, and while she was fighting them in front, a powerful savage came up behind her, seized her by the neck and dragged her to the ground. Horse and woman were made captives. Mrs. Holt was a long time a captive among the Indians, but was afterwards ransomed.

In this sharp conflict two-thirds of the white people were slain and wounded, and all their horses, baggage and provision were lost. Only twenty-eight straggling men now remained to fight five hundred Indians rendered furious by the sight of blood. They succeeded in breaking through the ranks of the murderers and gaining a slight eminence on the prairie near the Oak Woods. The Indians did not pursue, but gathered on their flanks, while the chiefs held a consultation on the sand-hills, and showed signs of willingness to parley. It would have been madness on the part of the whites to renew the fight; and so Capt. Halcid went forward and met Blackbird on the open prairie, where terms of surrender were soon agreed upon. It was arranged that the white people should give up their arms to Blackbird, and that the survivors should become prisoners of war, to be exchanged for ransoms as soon as practicable. With this understanding captives and captors started for the Indian camp near the fort, to which Mrs. Helm had been taken bleeding and suffering by Black Partridge, and had met her step-father and learned that her husband was safe.

A new scene of horror was now opened at the Indian camp. The wounded, not being included in the terms of surrender, as it was interpreted by the Indians, and the British general, Proctor, having offered a liberal bounty for American scalps, delivered at Malden, nearly all the wounded men were killed and scalped, and the price of the trophies was afterwards paid by the British government.



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When the petition is presented to the judge, he shall note thereon when he will hear the same, and order the issuance of summonses and the publication of notice to each non-resident or unknown defendant.

The petition may be heard by such judge in vacation as well as in term time. Upon the trial, the jury shall ascertain the just compensation to each owner of the property sought to be damaged by the construction of such ditch, drain or levee, and truly report the same.

As it is only contemplated in a work of this kind to give an abstract of the laws, and as the parties who have in charge the execution of the further proceedings are likely to be familiar with the requirements of the statute, the necessary details are not here inserted.

WOLF SCALPS.

The County Board of any county in this State may hereafter allow such bounty on *wolf scalps* as the board may deem reasonable.

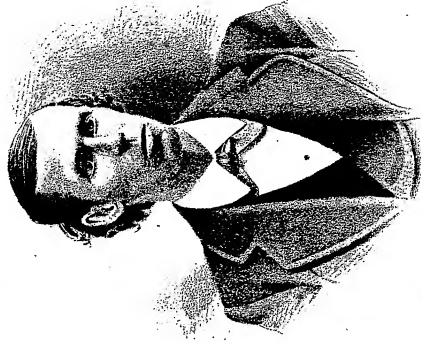
Any person claiming a bounty shall produce the scalp or scalps with the ears thereon, within sixty days after the wolf or wolves shall have been caught, to the Clerk of the County Board, who shall administer to said person the following oath or affirmation, to-wit: "You do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be), that the scalp or scalps here produced by you was taken from a wolf or wolves killed and first captured by yourself within the limits of this county, and within the sixty days last past."

CONVEANCES.

When the reversion expectant on a lease of any tenements or hereditaments of any tenure shall be surrendered or merged, the estate which shall for the time being confer as against the tenant under the same lease the next vested right to the same tenements or hereditaments, shall, to the extent and for the purpose of preserving such incidents to and obligations on the same reversion, as but for the surrender or merger thereof would have subsisted, be deemed the reversion expectant on the same lease.

PAUPERS.

Every poor person who shall be unable to earn a livelihood in consequence of any *bodily infirmity, idiocy, lunacy or unavoidable cause*, shall be supported by the father, grand-father, mother, grand-mother, children, grand-children, brothers or sisters of such poor person, if they or either of them be of sufficient ability; but if any of such dependent class shall have become so from *intemperance* or other *bad conduct*, they shall not be entitled to support from any relation except parent or child.



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belonging or in any wise appertaining. And also, all the estate, interest, and claim whatsoever, in law as well as in equity which the party of the first part have in and to the premises hereby conveyed unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, and to their only proper use, benefit and behoof. And the said William Stocker, and Olla, his wife, party of the first part, hereby expressly waive, relinquish, release, and convey unto the said party of the second part, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, all right, title, claim, interest, and benefit whatever, in and to the above described premises, and each and every part thereof, which is given by or results from all laws of this state pertaining to the exemption of homesteads.

Provided always, and these presents are upon this express condition, that if the said party of the first part, their heirs, executors, or administrators, shall well and truly pay, or cause to be paid, to the said party of the second part, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, the aforesaid sums of money, with such interest thereon, at the time and in the manner specified in the above mentioned promissory notes, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, then in that case, these presents and every thing herein expressed, shall be absolutely null and void.

In witness whereof, the said party of the first part hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

JAMES WHITEHEAD,

FRED. SAMUELS.

WILLIAM STOCKER.

OLLA STOCKER.

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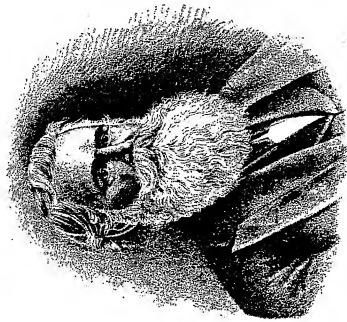
WARRANTY DEED WITH COVENANTS.

THIS INDENTURE, made this sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, between Henry Best of Lawrence, County of Lawrence, State of Illinois, and Belle, his wife, of the first part, and Charles Pearson of the same place, of the second part,

Witnesseth, that the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Six Thousand dollars in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, and sell, unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, all the following described lot, piece, or parcel of land, situated in the City of Lawrence, in the County of Lawrence, and State of Illinois, to wit:

[Here describe the property.]

Together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues, and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim, and demand whatsoever, of the said party of the first part, either in law or equity, of, in, and to the



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bers of the several state Legislatures, and all executive and judicial officers, both of the United States and of the several states, shall be bound by oath or affirmation to support this Constitution; but no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States.

ARTICLE VII.

The ratification of the Conventions of nine states shall be sufficient for the establishment of this Constitution between the states so ratifying the same.

Done in convention by the unanimous consent of the states present, the seventeenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, and of the independence of the United States of America the twelfth. In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names.

GEO. WASHINGTON,

*President and Deputy from Virginia.**Delaware.*

GEO. READ,
JOHN DICKINSON,
JACO. BROOM,
GUNNING BEDFORD, Jr.,
RICHARD BASSETT.

Maryland.

JAMES M'HENRY,
DANL. CARROLL,
DAN. OF ST. THOS. JENIFER.

Virginia.

JOHN BLAIR,
JAMES MADISON, Jr.

North Carolina.

WM. BLOUNT,
HU. WILLIAMSON,
RICH'D DOBBS SEAIGHT.

South Carolina.

J. RUTLEDGE,
CHARLES PICKNEY,
CHAS. COTESWORTH PICKNEY,
PIERCE BUTLER.

Georgia.

WILLIAM FEW,
ABR. BALDWIN.

New Hampshire.

JOHN LANGDON,
NICHOLAS GILMAN.

Massachusetts.

NATHANIEL GORHAM,
RUFUS KING.

Connecticut.

WM. SAM'L JOHNSON,
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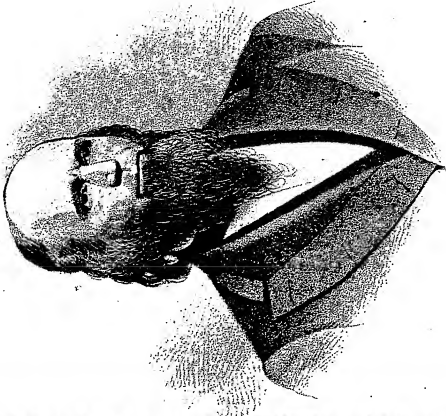
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HISTORY OF BOONE COUNTY.

PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY.

The physical geography of Boone County is not remarkable, the general face of its surface being not dissimilar to that of the counties by which it is immediately surrounded. The townships of Spring and Flora, and all that part of the county south of the Kishwaukeeis, properly speaking (Shattuck's Grove excepted,) a treeless prairie—not level, however, but a series of long, low, undulating rolls, and low ranges of hills and ridges. In some places there are swales and sloughs of limited extent, between moist marshes and black, fat meadow lands. A few trees skirt along Coon creek in the southwest part of the county, and scattered patches of timber in one or two other places relieve the level landscape. A broad, rich comparatively level prairie, these sections still preserve some of that primitive beauty from which Spring and Flora townships derived their names. In the report of Prof. A. H. Worthen, State Geologist, published in 1873, he says of this section: "Before the busy, teeming millions of the sons of toil swarmed over the fertile West, prairie flowers, in spring-like beauty and autumnal glory, bloomed where now the glancing plow-share turns the spring furrow, and the golden-ripened wheat fields dally with the fugitive winds. The purple and golden clouds of flowers that used to lie on these prairies are now no more; but in their place, the tasselled Indian corn waves its head, and men are growing rich from the cultivation in useful crops of these old flower-beds of nature."

North of the Kishwaukee the country changes in appearance, becoming more rolling; and, although still good for agricultural purposes, the soil becomes thinner and lighter colored. More streams are found. These are margined with hills, to some extent, and hilly barrens. There "are wide stretches of rather light timber and brushwood that end for miles along these streams and over the intervening highlands. Occasionally a better grove of timber may be found. Small prairies, prairie openings, and long stretches of prairie still exist in every direction." The same general remarks apply to this portion of the county, except that wet and swampy land, in which many of the streams of the county take their origin. The northwestern part of the county has considerable prairie, as well as much wet land; the northeastern has more timber, and is higher and dryer, and on towards the "Big Foot" prairie, in Wisconsin, contains good farming lands.

The timber for the most part consists of black, white, burr, red, yellow and some other rarer varieties of the oak, black walnut and butternut, shell bark and common hickory, cottonwood, sugar maple, honey locust, sycamore, water and slippery elm, haw, dogwood, common poplar, white and red ash, red cedar, white pine, linden or basswood, common swamp willow, and a

few other shrubs and plants. The groves in this part of the county are made up principally of the common black and white oaks to be met with in the poorer-timbered regions of northern Illinois. The alluvial lands skirt- ing the larger streams are the only places where many of the above species of trees are to be found.

For the most part the county is well watered, and most admirably adapted to stock raising and agricultural purposes, for which it has become so noted, her products being second to no county in the northwest in proportion to her size. The Kishwaukee enters it on the east, not far from the centre of the eastern line of Bonus township, and crosses in long, easy-flow- ing curves, entering Winnebago County at the village of Cherry Valley. The water is reasonably clear and of moderate current. Coon Creek comes in from the southeast, and falls into it near the centre of Bonus township. On the north is the Peccasaw, which discharges its waters into the Kish- waukee above the Big Thunder Mills, a short distance east of Belvidere. Beaver Creek comes in at the northeastern corner of the county, flows in a direction west of south, and joins the Kishwaukee a short distance above the village of Cherry Valley. Some smaller streams, having their sources in the township of Manchester, find their way towards Rock river.

GEOLOGICAL FORMATIONS.

[Compiled from the *Geological Survey of Illinois*.]

The Cincinnati group and the upper division of the Trenton limestones are the only rocks which outcrop, or in any manner show themselves, in this county. About the northwestern corner, extending to even some dis- tance within its borders, the middle and lower Trenton limestones doubtless are the underlying rocks; but they nowhere outcrop, that could be noticed by the surveyor. The deposits of the Quaternary system are extensive in the county, covering it over in many places to a great depth. It will thus be seen that the geological formations of Boone County are few, and its geology comparatively simple. The following sections of the rocks exposed and the superficial deposits, is comparatively correct, although nothing but an approximation to the thickness of the latter can be given:

SECTION OF FORMATION IN BOONE COUNTY.

Alluvia, principally partially stratified clay, sands and fine gravels, along the Kishwau- kee, with loams and surface soils, 30 feet.
Trenton limestones, 30 feet.
Ordinary drift deposits, consisting of the usual sands, gravels, hard pan and clays—35 feet.
Cincinnati shales; the formation much deeper, but worked to a depth of—18 feet.
The Galena limestone, worked—35 feet.
Lower Trenton limestones—unknown.

SURFACE GEOLOGY.

The surface geology consists of the usual Quaternary deposits, except that the loess is perhaps entirely wanting. The alluvial deposits along the small streams are narrow, rich and black. On the Kishwaukee they are wider and deeper, intermingled with sands and fine gravels, and bear, in places, a heavy growth of bottom timber. The usual thin prairie soils, swamp mucks and peats of various degrees of purity and ripeness, make up the rest.

The drift proper is a heavy body of abraded and transported materials. Over that part of the country underlain by the Cincinnati shales, there is a thinner superficial deposit of a fine, laminated, comminuted clay, of a light ash or blue color, bearing mingled evidence of deposition in still waters and the dissolving in situ of the underlying clayey shale rocks. No exten- sive gravel beds exist; but occasional large boulders may be noticed, more especially lying about the low, springy places.

But leaving the gently rolling prairies, and going northward to the region underlain by the Galena limestone, the reddish clays, hard-pan and coarse gravel beds of the upper members of the drift largely predominate. A few miles west of Capron are localities where boulders of the average size of a man's head lay thickly strewn over the ground. These were noticed to lie thickest where boggy and springy places were met with, sur- rounded by rougher and more rolling land. The boulders are all from the metamorphic regions of the north, and consist of granite, gneiss, hornblende, trap, and some other varieties, with their various combinations. Across the whole northern part of the county, these boulders were noticed in greater or less abundance, associated with clays, and sometimes clayey sands. Across the central part of the county the coarse gravel beds, unstratified hard-pan and partially stratified clays, make up the surface coverings of the rocks. Under these, all over this region, laminated clays rest upon the in- durated rocks below. Some of the gravel beds northwest of Caladonia are almost a mile long, and several feet deep. They are made up of materials very much rounded and abraded, are partially stratified and the gravel is of all sizes, intermingled with clean sand. A low drift hill of gravelly clay lies close to Belvidere, on which the court-house stands. In the banks of the Kishwaukee, a short distance below the bridge between the north and south parts of the city, on the north side of the stream, are outcrops of the bank of tenuous potter's clay, before referred to. It runs under at least a part of the city, and in one place, borings for some public work showed it to be some seventy feet in thickness. At another locality, some workmen were sinking a well, when after going through this deposit, which was there much thinner, water rushed into the well so fast that the men could hardly get out in safety.

The traditional stories of nuggets of copper having been found among the gravel and boulders were not confirmed by the survey. In prosecuting his work, Prof. Worthen, the geologist, says that in connection with his observations upon the drift, he watched closely in order to detect indications of glacial action, but that he was forced, somewhat reluctantly, to admit that atmospheric and chemical agencies and aqueous forces probably explained most of the phenomena connected with these superficial deposits. In the moraine-like hillocks of Oge county, in his opinion, glacial action was more manifest.

The Cincinnati Shales.—The shaley rocks of this deposit underlie nearly all that part of the county south of the Kishwaukee. Coon Creek, doubtless, cuts down to the Galena; but all the prairie ridges show the out- croppings of the former rocks, although worked exposures are rare. In fact, says the report, there are but two good stone quarries in Boone County: one in the Cincinnati shales, five or six miles south of Belvidere, and one in the Galena limestone, three or four miles northwest of the city. The former of these is opened in the brow of a low hill. A few feet of clay and subsoil is stripped from the surface of the shingly rocks. The

formation is quarried into about eighteen feet in depth, and great quantities of stone have been removed and hauled for many miles over the surrounding country, and into the city of Belvidere. The quarry, or rather series of quarries, is a source of profit, not so much on account of the valuable properties of the stone, as on account of the ease with which they can be quarried and the scarcity of all kinds of stone in the county. We noticed here flagging stones twelve by twenty-one feet and three or four inches thick, without an apparent crack. In some parts of the rocky walls, where exposed to the air, the rock is crumbling and decaying rapidly. About Garden Prairie, this formation is quarried and hauled north and northwest for a distance of some eight miles, for purposes of ordinary stone masonry. It is not worked at any other place in the county. No natural outcrops exist, on account of the ease with which it disintegrates and covers up its natural outcrops; but it is not difficult to trace its boundaries by the gently undulating elevations, the marshy springs along their base, the color of the waters that trickle down the slopes, and the nature of the overlying clays themselves.

The formation here is unfossiliferous to a high degree. Nothing but a few indistinct tracings of fossils or sea weeds were noticed.

The Galena Limestone.—Two-thirds of the county, perhaps, is underlain by the lead-bearing rocks of the Trenton limestone. And yet in all this extent of superficial area, there is but one good outcrop, and one place where the Galena is worked to any extent or advantage. This is at the exposure on Beaver Creek, three and a half miles west of Belvidere. The quarry is worked to a depth of thirty-five feet. The stone is massive and solid. Some of the bottom layers are from six to eight feet in thickness. Much stone has been quarried for the railroad bridge at Belvidere, and for building purposes in the surrounding country.

The country round the quarry is barren and oak openings, with brushwood and a thin, whitish soil. The upper strata of this outcrop are thin enough to be readily removed with pick and wedge and crow-bar. But the lower ones can only be displaced by patient blasting. Here Prof. Worthen found many of the characteristic fossils, such as *Strophomena sulcata*, *Murchisonia gracilis*, *M. gigas*, *Pleurotomaria angulata*, *Ambonychia*, *Belterophon*, and fragments of *Orthocera*.

"My examinations," continues Prof. Worthen, "indicate that both Beaver Creek and the Pissasaw, for their whole length in this county, are underlain by the Galena limestone. From Belvidere, on a line east of north, in the townships of Bonns, Boone and Leroy to Capron, and on nearly to the State line; thence west a few miles; thence south along the center town-ship line of the county through Poplar Grove, to the starting point; thence northwest to Caledonia, and a few miles north of the same; thence back on any convenient road to the starting point; thence west on the North Rock-ford road to the county line, and on all this extent of country gone over I only saw indications of this limestone. Only a few imperfect, crumbly outcrops were seen in the faces of some of the little hills—not such as would pay to work."

On the Upper Beaver and round the feeding springs of one of the Kinnikinnicks, some poor specimens of stone are quarried, such as are used for the foundations of houses about Capron and in that part of the county.

Blue Limestone.—In the northwestern part of the county were found indications of the existence of the lower divisions of the Trenton forma-

tion. Its close proximity to Rescoe and Beloit, with some surface indications, lead to the opinion that these would be the surface rocks if the superincumbent clays were removed.

ECONOMICAL GEOLOGY.

Building Stone.—Building stones are scarce in Boone County. The quarry on Beaver Creek furnishes a solid, massive, hard stone, very suitable for bridge piers, culverts and other solid work, but requires a good deal of labor to adapt it to the lighter kinds of masonry. Most of the heavy building stones used in Belvidere, such as church foundations, and other like work are obtained at this quarry. For the lighter kinds of work, the quarry in the Cincinnati shales, south of Belvidere, furnishes most of the stone used, and enters largely into cellar walls, foundations of ordinary houses, etc., etc. The stone is easily quarried and broken into blocks of any required superficial area, and are consequently well adapted to the uses named. At Gen. Hurlbut's residence in Belvidere, some of the stone from this quarry have been in use for over twenty years, and are but little disturbed by the action of time. For flagging stone they can be quarried of any desired size and shape. They are used for this purpose in some instances in Belvidere, and serve the purpose admirably. For solid work the stone from this quarry is not recommended.

Lime.—A limekiln has been successfully operated at the Galena quarry (heretofore mentioned) for some years. The lime made at this kiln is of good quality, but builders at Belvidere find it more economical to use lime shipped by railroad. A perpetual limekiln at the Beaver quarry would be a good investment.

Minerals.—There are no mineral deposits in the county, although bog iron ore has been noticed in considerable abundance in some of the bogs west of Capron. Pieces of float copper are said to have been found in the gravels of the drift. A few traces of lead have been found in the Galena limestone. Springs of chalybeate water exist in places. These are matters of curiosity and interest, rather than sources of economical value.

Sands and Clays.—From the ordinary clay and sand banks almost everywhere abounding in more or less purity, sand for building purposes, and clay for ordinary red brick, may be obtained in great abundance. The subsoil over most of the Galena rocks makes a good common brick. The bed of waters clay, heretofore mentioned, deserves more than a passing notice. When ground and mixed with sand, it makes a hard, handsome, cream-colored brick, quite as beautiful, and, as is generally believed, more enduring than the far-famed Milwaukee brick. For this purpose alone this bed of clay is valuable. For any article of common crockery it would also be very valuable, and even queensware of fair quality might be made from this deposit. When first dug this clay is tough and tenacious. The color is between a milk-white and chocolate brown. When dry it breaks with a somewhat conchoidal fracture; has a fat, uncuous feel to the fingers, and becomes lighter in color. Its chemical composition is not given in the report from which we quote.

Peat.—In the township of Bonns, near the residence of Mr. Dan'l Chapman, and partly owned by him, there is a peat bog of about twenty acres in extent. Messrs. Brown and Dana also own peat land in the same slough. In all, there is about forty acres. This deposit is located in a swale running down into the Pissasaw creek in an east and west direction, and is sus-

Although the territory embraced in the State of Illinois was occupied by the French under LaSalle as early as 1680, nearly three hundred years ago, but little progress towards the occupancy of the country by white people was made until about the beginning of the present century. About that time public attention and the attention of the people of the older states began to be attracted to the rich prairies and fertile valleys of the territory, and immigrants from the states of Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina—the largest proportion from the latter state—began coming in and settling down to the work of making farms. These settlements were confined, as a general rule, to the lands along the rivers—the Ohio, above Cairo, the Wabash, the Mississippi, and to some extent along the Illinois. Growing year by year, immigration gradually increasing, every accession made another innovation upon the uncultivated domain, and so, still pushing onward and onward, the southern part of the state came to be settled first.

As the great natural fertility and productiveness of the soil became known, its easy subjection to cultivation to be understood, *Illinois* came to be looked upon from one end of our common country to the other as a very paradise—as a land where, with common industry, prudence, and ordinary economy, any man might grow rich in a very few years, as compared with life in the older and timbered states.

For many years the settlements in Illinois were thus confined to the more southern part of the state, but about the years 1832-3, the beautiful valleys of Fox and Rock Rivers and their tributaries began to attract attention in the New England and more northerly of the Middle States, and a tide of immigration set in from that direction. These immigrants brought with them that thrift and economy, enterprise and judgment, that had enabled them and their fathers by closest industry to make an humble living among the rocks and timber, the hillsides and mountain tops of their native states. Here, on these rich prairies—lands free from rocks and boulders, already cleared and waiting for the plow, with half the toil expended, would produce forthfor more than could ever be realized in the lands left behind. Thrift, prosperity, and independence have followed the steps and rewarded their energy. Almost every house is a palace in finish and surroundings. The wild prairies of less than half a century ago have been reduced to a garden of beauty and made to blossom with the rose. What is comparatively unknown, and intelligence and refinement reveal.

Less than half a century ago, the eight townships composing the county of Boone were a part of the unbroken wild of which we have

But naturally grand and rich, the territory it embraces could not long fail to attract the attention of immigrants, and in 1835 a few settlers found their way hitherwards, and settled down in the immediate vicinity of the town of Belvidere. At that time there were but two organized counties in this part of the state, Jo Davies and Cook. They extended from Lake on the east to the Mississippi on the west.

In this part of Illinois, as in all other parts of the state, and, in fact, as in all parts of the United States, the practice in the settlement of new territories (unless there are peculiar local considerations), the first settlements were invariably made along the rivers or creeks, or in groves of timber. Rock River, a stream of attractive beauty and great power (if fully developed) for manufacturing purposes, had drawn to its rich lands a sufficient number of settlers anterior to the date (1835) to render them ambitious for a county organization, and at the session of the legislature at Vandalia, in 1835-6, an act was passed creating the county of Winnebago, and defining the boundaries as follows:

Commencing at the southeast corner of township number 48, range number 4, east of the third principal meridian, and running thence west to the said meridian; thence north along the line of said township to the southeast corner of township number 49, in range number 11, east of the fourth principal meridian; thence dividing line to the northeast corner of sections 7 and 8, thence north along said dividing line to the northern boundary line of the state; thence east along said dividing line to the northeast corner of range number 4, east of the third principal meridian; thence south to the place of beginning.—Approved Jan. 16, 1898.

(After the passage of the act creating the county of Winnebago, and sometime previous to the organization, Charles Reed had occupied a tract of land on the west side of Rock river, and about two miles above the present site of the city of Rockford, by covering it with an Indian "float." He named his place Winnebago, and sought to have it made the county seat. About the same time Germanicus Kent, Dr. Haskell, Selden M. Church and Daniel S. Haight, and some others, had also taken claims where the city of Rockford has since grown up. They, also, had county seat aspirations, and between them and Mr. Reed a rivalry sprang up that, to the prejudice of the people, resulted in a series of contests in fixing their county seat at Rockford and establishing the county of Boone.

At the first election in Winneshago county, Aug. 1, 1836 (before the creation of Boone), Simon P. Doty was elected County Commissioner for the Belvidere district, and William E. Dunbar and Thomas B. Talcott for the other two districts into which the county had been divided. The first meeting of the County Commissioners' Court was held at the house of Daniel S. Haight (called the Rockford Hotel). Don Alonzo Spaulding was appointed as Clerk of their court. At that session of their court the Belvidere precinct was established, and an order entered providing for the election of two Justices of the Peace and two Constables therein. James Payne, John K. Towney, and Charles Payne were appointed to be judges or assessors of the election. The time of holding the election was set for Tuesday, Aug. 27, 1836, and the house of Simon P. Doty named as the place of holding the election, which, for a number of years, continued to be the voting place in the Belvidere precinct. At that election, John K. Towney and John S. King were elected Justices of the Peace, and John H. Burnham and Abel Thurston chosen as Constables. These were the first civil officers elected in what is now Boone County.

During the session of the legislature of 1836-7, an act was passed pro-

County, issued from the clerk of the Commissioners' Court of Winnebago County.

The law providing for this election also provided that it should be held at the house of Simon P. Doty in the Belvidere precinct, which at that time included all of Boone County.

The first Monday of May, A. D. 1837, was a day of interest to the people of "Belvidere precinct." The county of Boone had been established, and by the election of county officers they were to be enrolled among the other fully organized counties of the State and clothed with "all the rights and privileges" of the other counties. In those days printed or written ballots were not in use, but citizens voted *en masse*. The polls were opened with great *elate*, and amidst great good nature, the election continued until the hour provided by law for closing the polls in the evening. Milton S. Mason, Cornelius Cline, and John Q. A. Rollins, were elected County Commissioners, Simon P. Doty, Sheriff, and John Handy, Coroner. On the 3d of May, the County Commissioners elect met, and organized the first Commissioners' Court held in Boone County. Milton S. Mason administered the oath of office to Cornelius Cline and John Q. A. Rollins, and Mr. Rollins administered the oath of office to Milton S. Mason. Dr. Daniel H. Whitney was appointed and qualified as clerk of the Commissioners' Court, and the transaction of county business commenced. Belvidere precinct was divided, and an additional precinct established, called the Lambertsburg precinct, taking in all the territory embraced in the four north townships of the county, and so named in honor of two brothers, James E. and Jeremiah Lambert, who had taken claims in what is now Le Roy township. At this session it was also "ordered that John K. Towner be and he is hereby appointed County Treasurer for the county of Boone" (no Treasurer having been elected). Benjamin Sweet was appointed School Commissioner and Agent for the inhabitants of Boone, and Erasmus A. Nixon, David Caswell, and George D. Hicks, were appointed Trustees of the school lands in Congressional township #4 north, range 3 east of the third principal meridian, and William Dresser, John K. Towner, and Milton S. Mason, were appointed judges of all elections to be held in Belvidere precinct.

The erection of road districts and appointment of road supervisors appears next on record, and a further order providing that all county roads should be "opened fifty feet in the clear, and that each able-bodied man should work on some road five days in each year." This constituted one day's work for the count, when it adjourned without day.

Thus it may be assumed that the history of Boone County, as an organized body, dates from May 3, 1837—the date of the first meeting of the County Commissioners' Court, or in less than two years from the time when the first white settlements were made at Belvidere and Slattuck's Grove, in what is now Spring township, in 1835. If previous to that time there were any white settlers here, their identity is lost. No records are to be found of their presence, and hence it is concluded that the first settlements date from June or July of that year. When Simon P. Doty and Dr. Daniel H. Whitney arrived here, in August, 1835, they found A. Redburn Metcalf and David Dunham, encamped in a slanty on the west bank of the Kishwaukee (Indian for Sycamore), about eighty rods below where the State street bridge in Belvidere spans that stream.

A note on a county map, published by Messrs. William McVickar and

D. Kelsey, in 1858, under the heading of "First Settlers of Boone County, A. D. 1835," gives a list of the settlers at that period, saying that "Olive Robbins and Brothers made the first claims in Boone County." Arrived Metcalf, David Dunham, Timothy Caswell and family, Charles H. Payne and family, John K. Towner and family, Cornelius Cline, Erasmus A. Nixon, Erasmus Slattuck and family, John Handy and family, Simon P. Doty and wife, Dr. Daniel H. Whitney, Charles Watkins, Abel Thurston, Milton S. Mason and family, David Elliott, Asabel Daggett and family.

The same authority gives the population of the county in 1858 at 12,860. Oliver Hale, of Bonus township, who settled at his present residence Oct. 1, 1836, is of the opinion that the list of settlers here in 1835, as quoted above, is not fully correct. He cites Christopher Payne and family as an addition that ought to be made. When Mr. Hale came, he found Mr. Payne occupying a claim of several thousand acres on Squaw Prairie, of whom he bought one claim of 400 acres. Payne had settled there in the fall of 1838. Mr. Andrew F. Moss, who came in May, 1836, makes a further correction by adding the names of David Caswell and family and Moses Blood and family. Mr. Hale is now a man of nearly eighty years, but is remarkably well preserved, intellectually and physically, and has a clear memory of the scenes and incidents of those early days, and his statements may be taken as conclusively correct. Mr. Moss, while a younger man by some years, has always been a close observer, and carries in his mind the names of all the pioneers he found here on his coming, in 1838, so that at least two families are added by their corrections. These families represented a population all told of only thirty-seven persons. As reported by a census-taker in the latter part of October of that year. In 1840, the population had increased to 1,705; in 1850, to 7,624; in 1860, to 11,678; in 1870, to 12,943; and is now estimated at 14,000. Real estate at that date was not taxable, by reason of the non-expiration of the three years' exemption from taxation after purchase or entry. In 1850, the assessed valuation of real and personal property was \$838,714; in 1860, \$1,511,376; in 1870, \$1,790,318.

Until about 1840, the increase by immigration was comparatively slow. After that period, until the government land was all taken, the immigration was large and rapid. In September, 1836, the government surveyors established the township lines, and during the following winter subdivided them into sections. The lands were not open to sale or entry, however, until October, 1839. The lands in Boone county were divided between the Galena and Chicago land districts. The lands in range 3 comprised a part of the Galena district, while those in range 4 belonged to the Chicago district, and were subject to purchase or entry at that office. From the time the lands were opened to purchase and entry, claims were rapidly confirmed.

Who made the first purchase or first entry, has long since been forgotten, and there are no records immediately accessible that will supply the data to justify an opinion on this subject.

Between 1835 and October, 1839, when the land in this district was opened to sale, claims had been taken in almost all parts of the county. In this time a good commencement had been made towards reducing their wild swart to farm tillage, and in most cases they were yielding large enough returns to maintain the families occupying them, in comparative

comfort, and in some instances they had been so productive and remunerative as to yield a sufficient surplus to enable their owners to provide against the day of distress or entry, thus making their claims pay for themselves. But from 1835 to 1840-41, night jacks became the "dog cabin" age. But after the latter date the log cabins and shanties began to give way to a better class of houses, and prairie barns, with their grassy coverings, went down, to make room for more pretentious and convenient structures. Now, in 1877, there is scarcely a quarter section of land in the county that does not boast its large and handsome brick or frame residence, with tastefully arranged grounds, fine large barns and substantial fences. The ox-wagon has given place to more modern vehicles, and fine carriages and well-trained horses are among the possessions of a large majority of the citizens. But little land, as compared with many other western counties, was entered for speculative purposes. The largest, and it may be said the only lands so purchased, was by William Taylor, as agent for the Aberdeen Bank of Scotland, in 1839. That agency purchased very largely in the counties of Winnebago, McHenry and Boone, 4,640 acres of it being selected, in different sections, in Boone. But that and all other lands so purchased long since passed into the hands of actual settlers and sturdy farmers, who, by cheerfulness and prudent economy, have made homes of which any people might be justly proud. Taylor, the agent referred to, some time after he made the entry, was going down the Mississippi river on the steamboat "War Eagle," and when near St. Louis was drowned from the boat. It has been said he jumped into the river, but there were no reasons to justify a suspicion of suicide.

In 1835, when the first settlers came, post-offices were unknown in the bounds of what is now Boone county, and for a large district of country outside. That was long before the days of cheap postage or the prepaid system, and for many months when a settler went to Chicago, the nearest post-office, his pockets were filled with quarters to pay the postage on letters from friends and relatives in the "old homes." Ottawa was the nearest point for mailing purposes until a mill was built at the Napier settlement, now Napierville. Later, a mill was built at Belvidere, stores and trading places were housed, and gradually the hardships of pioneer life gave way before the advancement of civilization and the better things of more modest achievements. Indians had never been troublesome to the settlers except as beggars, and soon after were all removed to new trading fields to Kansas, plains and prairies of the farther west—to Iowa, and afterwards to Nebraska, and a future opened out before this people, a vast, new, brighter and brighter, until the brightest hopes of the earth and sturdy pioneers of 1835 are left deeply shaded by the gloom of those early settlers have been gathered around with them the bright, shining shoes of the Great Beyond. A few are left, as it were, the hardy pioneers, who have gone before, but who chief, Big Thunder, and his people. But all those who have gone before this country of the Kish-vau-kee, erst the home of the Pottawatomie chief, Big Thunder, and all else that goes to make up noble and all those who are waiting the summons to follow, make noble records for honesty, morality, industry, and all else that goes to make up a good life. A record is left their descendants that will serve as a beacon light to guide them in paths of peace, pleasantness, happiness, and prosperity.

Before resuming the history proper of Boone county from where we left the organization of the county and the proceedings of the County Com-

missioners' Court in May, 1837, we may be pardoned by the reader for a slight digression relative to Big Thunder and his burial, and incidents relative thereto. Big Thunder was a noted character among the people, not from his stature, however, which was rather under the medium average of his race, but from his influence among them. His voice, perhaps, gave him the name he bore, as it is a prevailing practice with nearly all Indian tribes to name any object after that of which it most reminds them. Big Thunder, no doubt, when he laid aside the bow and arrow for the more effective rifle, tomahawk and scalping knife, was a more formidable and efficient voice than in council or words of command reminded the tribe or followers of the deep, distant thunder, and hence the name. But he said as it were, "I am taking you to the 'happy' hunting grounds." His burial place was selected on the highest point of ground on the mound where the court house has since been built. As was their custom no grave with flag but wrapped in his blankets, and seated on a rude stool or bench, with his feet pointed in a direction in which a battle was expected to take place between the West and another, a structure made of split white ash logs, from which the bark was peeled, was erected around his body and covered with bark. The expected battle never came off, and consequently the war spirit of Big Thunder did not re-enter his vanquished foes fell beneath their tomahawks and scalping knives. In those days Belvidere was on a stage route from Chicago to Galena. The travel was heavy, and here the horses were changed, and sometimes for other causes a delay of from half an hour to an hour would occur. For many miles in all directions, the Indian "coughlugs," that surrounded the body of Big Thunder could be distinctly seen. The logs or slabs from which the bark had been peeled had bleached and whitened in the sun, until they were almost as white as snow. To travelers and land hunters from the East, those who had never seen an Indian or an Indian grave, this "ghost abode" of Big Thunder was an object of curiosity. And while the stage would be delayed, passengers would be taken themselves to the mound of which he was buried to view his "cough" and perhaps scratch their names and date of their visit on the logs, or may be, when the flesh had moldered and fallen from the bones, leaving only a dried skeleton, a gather up a bone and carry it home as a trophy of their visit out in the "Indian country." His head was the first part of his anatomy to be carried away. That was taken to Chicago, and finally found its way into the possession of a noted phrenologist. Next another bone would be taken, and then another and another, until the bones composing the human frame were nearly all gone. Appreciating and wishing to gratify the curiosity of travelers some of the "knags" of Belvidere would secretly gather up the dried bones of logs and as secretly throw them into Big Thunder's "cough." None the wiser of this little trick, travelers and local only gatherers would stop and pick over the bones, and then, as they liked, pocket them and carry them away. This little job of the "cough" of Belvidere was kept up as long as the ground was the "cough" of Belvidere, and it was not until many years ago that many a museum of curiosities in Chicago, and in the hands of the bones labeled "Thigh bone of Big Thunder, an Indian chief of the Pottawatomie Indians, buried at Belvidere, Illinois," or a "forearm," a "middle finger," a "rib," a "spinal joint," or something else,

Another incident connected with Big Thunder's "coop" may not be amiss in this connection. It is told of Simon P. Doty. He does not deny it, but laughs over it when the matter is spoken of, as heartily as any one. Like hundreds of other people, especially sailors (of whom he was one in his earlier years), Mr. Doty likes tobacco. Very often in the early settlement of Boone County, the supply of tobacco hereabouts would give out, and "chewers of the weed" would, per force of circumstance, be compelled to go without for days at a time, sometimes for a week or more. Indians are proverbial for their use of tobacco, and whenever they chanced to pass by the "coop" of Big Thunder, they would throw a piece of chewing, or pouch of smoking tobacco at his feet or into his lap. On one of the occasions when tobacco among the white settlers had given out, Mr. Doty and Erastus A. Nixon were engaged in scolding and lewling timber. Doty had suffered and agonized for some time for a "chew." Finally he could endure it no longer, and passing up to Big Thunder's "coop," he reached in and abstracted a small supply. Mr. Nixon was equally suffering and longing for some tobacco. To his requests of Mr. Doty for a "chew," the latter protested that he had none. This, however, was before Doty had visited the "coop" on the mound, and of course he was honest and truthful when he protested he "was out." After that visit, his friend and co-laborer noticed him expectorate, and his suspicions were aroused. He picked up the chip upon which the spitball had fallen, and exclaimed, "Doty, you have tobacco." Doty had to own up—to acknowledge the truth of the charge, and pledging Mr. Nixon to secrecy, he told him where and how he obtained it. But it was too good to keep—the joke, and not the tobacco—and it had to be told. It has been the occasion of many a laugh at Doty's expense, but he takes it in good part, and in speaking of it even at this day, in his eighty-first year, will laugh as heartily over it as any of the "boys," who always know where and how to get tobacco without going to the "coop" of a dead Indian chieftain for it.

Turning back to the proceedings of the County Commissioners' Court, May 3, 1837, and resuming a review of the record, we find that Charles McDougal was appointed Supervisor of Road, District No. 1; Ira Haskins of No. 2; David Caswell of No. 3, and Cornelius Cling of No. 4. These, then, were the first Road Supervisors appointed in Boone County, and divided into four districts, it may be assumed that the increase of population from the number of settlers in 1835, as already stated, had been pretty large. The wild lands had been surveyed, township and section lines defined, and the country mapped out and started on the high road to wealth and opulence.

On the 4th day of May, 1837, D. H. Whitney, Clerk of the County Commissioners' Court, made a transcript of the returns of the election held on the Monday previous, which transcript we copy from the records:

Made a transcript of the returns of the election in which Simon P. Doty was declared duly elected to the office of sheriff.

John Hamby was declared duly elected to the office of coroner.

Seth S. Whitman was declared duly elected to the office of county surveyor, and trustee.

And S. P. Hyde was declared duly elected to the office of clerk of the court.

D. H. Whitney, Clerk of C. C. Boone County.

The same day he "made out and delivered to the sheriff elect, certificates of appointment to Erastus A. Nixon, George D. Hicks and David Caswell, trustees of school land in T. 44, N. R. 3 E. 3 P. M. (3d principal

meridian), and to Charles McDougal, as Supervisor of Road, district No. 1; David Caswell, Supervisor of Road, district No. 2, and Cornelius Cling, as Supervisor of Road, district No. 4." Mr. Whitney also recorded his appointment of William Dresser as "deputy clerk of the County Commissioners' Court."

The first session of the County Commissioners' Court was held at the house of Simon P. Doty. The next session convened at the same place, on the 5th of June following, when S. P. Doty, sheriff-elect, reported to the court that he had served notices of appointment on the several appointees of the previous session of the court, and that they all accepted.

John K. Towner, a justice of the Peace in and for the County of Boone, reported the assessment of fines on his docket, to-wit:

"State of Illinois vs. Ulrich Paxson, \$18.00, fine and cost, May 20, 1837. Execution issued by Tolson, returnable in 70 days." "State of Illinois vs. John Q. A. Hollins, \$16.00, fine and costs, May 30, 1837. Execution issued to Abel Thurston, returnable in 70 days."

The collection of these fines was the first money ever paid into the county treasury.

This term of the court adjourned on the 5th of June. On the 6th the clerk granted permission to Simon P. Doty and Charles F. H. Goodhue to "retail ardent spirits by the small measure," for which they were each charged the sum of \$5. These were the first business licenses in Boone County for such purposes. In those days all business houses, of whatever character, had to secure license or permission from the county court, before they could commence operations. In almost every part of the county where settlements were made, some one would take out license for keeping a tavern or hotel, for which the charges ranged from \$5 to \$25. This was one source of revenue, but sometimes applicants for such permission being short of funds, would give their notes, and in some instances would afterwards take them up in full or in part, with county warrants issued to them for some kind of services rendered the county. The court also regulated the prices such hotels were allowed to charge for the entertainment of man and horse. At the September term, 1837, the court ordered that tavern rates for Boone County shall be:

Per meal, thirty-seven and a half cents.

For lodging per night, twelve and a half cents.

For horse to hay, eighteen and three-fourths cents.

And per pack, fifty cents.

And per animal, per drink, six cents.

In September, 1838, these rates were revised, and the following prices established:

Ordered that tavern rates for the ensuing year shall be as follows, viz.: Per meal, thirty-seven and a half cents; night's lodging twelve and a half cents; oats per peck, twenty-five cents; span of horses to hay over night, thirty-seven and a half cents; good team, five dollars and fifty cents; good mule, four dollars and fifty cents; good cow, four dollars and fifty cents; good horse, four dollars and fifty cents; good pig, six and a fourth cents per head for stage passengers, fifty cents.

At the beginning of the September term of the court, the available means of the county amounted to \$40, and the liabilities to \$41.84. The clerk was allowed one dollar and fifty cents per day for his services, and the commissioners the same sum.

In November of that year, a special term of the Commissioners' Court was held, continuing only one day, the 6th. The act of the Legislature providing for the location of the county seat of Boone County, also

appointed commissioners for that purpose, naming John M. Wilson, of Will County; James Day, of LaSalle County; and James H. Woodworth, of Cook County, as such commissioners. Pursuant to appointment, two of these commissioners, John M. Wilson and James H. Woodworth, visited Belvidere on the 30th of October to discharge the trust imposed upon them. When the Commissioners' Court met in special session on the 6th of November, and opened for business, the clerk submitted the following documents and vouchers:

Oct. 31st, 1837.
 COUNTY OF BOONE. }
To James H. Woodworth and John M. Wilson, clerks—
Dr. To services in locating county seat of said county, 10 days each— \$40.00.
 \$2. Received payment.

JAMES H. WOODWORTH.
 JOHN M. WILSON.

The court "ordered that the communication from the clerk and the accompanying documents be spread on record." The documents referred to were the following oaths, which were administered to Messrs. James H. Woodworth and John M. Wilson. Although the oaths were administered separately, the record shows that they were administered the same day (Oct. 30, 1837,) and in the same words, so that a copy of one will serve for both, excepting a change of name, to-wit:

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
 BOONE COUNTY, } ss.

I, James H. Woodworth, do swear upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that I will proceed to examine and determine on a place for the permanent seat of justice for Boone County, faithfully taking into consideration the convenience of the people, the situation of the land, and with an eye to future population, and designate the same according to law, so help me God.

JAS. H. WOODWORTH.

D. H. WHITNEY.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 30th day of October, Anno Domini, 1837.

Justice of the Peace for Boone Co., Ill.

The report of the locating commissioners follows next of record, and in these words:

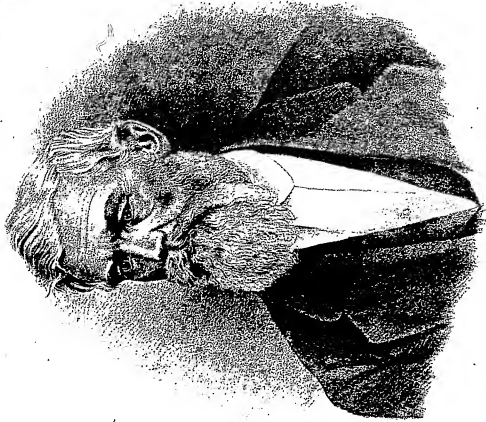
Be it known, that we, James H. Woodworth and John M. Wilson, commissioners appointed to locate the County Seat of Boone county in the State of Illinois, under an act entitled an Act to create certain counties therein named, approved 4th March, A. D. 1837, do hereby report to the Commissioners' Court of Boone County, Illinois, the place we have examined and determined on a place for the permanent seat of justice for Boone County, and taking into view the convenience of the inhabitants, the situation of the settlements, the probable future population and eligibility of location, have and do locate said county seat upon the northeast quarter of section twenty-six, in township forty-four north, range three east of the third principal meridian, being in the Galena land district.

GIVEN under our hands, this thirty-first day of October, A. D. 1837.
 (Signed)

JAS. H. WOODWORTH,
 JOHN M. WILSON.

The commissioners then ordered that the draft of the clerk in favor of Mr. Cephas Gardner for forty dollars borrowed money for the payment of the commissioners for locating the seat of justice of this county, be paid out of the first money in the county treasury; and that eight dollars, the bill of S. P. Doby, made by said commissioners while performing said service for the county, be assumed, and that the clerk issue his draft on the treasury for the same.

The first claim made in Boone county was taken by Oliver Robbins and brothers, and included the southeast quarter of section twenty-six, township forty-four north, range three east, divided nearly equally by the



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Kiahwaukee river, and was made early in the summer of 1835. These brothers subsequently sold their claim to Archibald Metcalf and David Dunham, who at a later period sold out to Dr. Goodhue, Charles Peck and Nathaniel Grosby, forming a part of what was subsequently known as the Belvidere Company. The Robbins Bros. pushed on West, probably taking other claims, selling out again as immigration followed them, and pushing on again. One of them afterwards returned to Boone county and made his home at Blood's Point, in Flora township. When the war of the rebellion came on, he enlisted in one of the companies formed in Boone county and was killed at the battle of Shiloh. Of the other brothers all trace has been lost.

The parties purchasing this claim of Dunham and Metcalf, afterwards, by purchase or otherwise, secured control of a large tract of land in the vicinity, including the northeast quarter of section twenty-six, and when the county seat question began to be agitated, proposed to relinquish to the county their claim to that particular quarter section on condition that the county seat should be located thereon. The agreement was kept, and when the land came into market in 1839, it was bid in in the name of the county commissioners, John K. Toxner, Moses Blood and Robert B. Hurd. The date of purchase was October 17, 1839. November 10, 1841, a United States patent issued to them "as commissioners of Boone county, and to their successors in office forever."

The Belvidere Company, already referred to, was enlarged by the admission of other members to the number of ten, and the claims were parcelled out in shares representing one thousand dollars each, and when put on the market in October, 1839, the land was purchased for and managed in the interests of the company. The company was made up of Charles Peck, Dr. Goodhue, Nathaniel Grosby, of Fredonia, N. Y., Prof. S. S. Whitman, Dr. John S. King, Jacob Whitman and others, to the number of ten.

In 1836 the town site, that part of it on the southeast quarter of section twenty-six, was partially laid off into town lots, by establishing the corners of State and Mechanic streets with an old iron carpenter's square. Lots were given to mechanics who would build on and occupy them. The first lot given away was to Simon P. Duty. His lot was at the corner of State and Mechanic streets—on the West side of State street and south of Mechanic street to the Kiahwaukee. Having previously built a house a short distance west of the town site, he moved it up on to his lot, where he soon afterwards opened a hotel, calling it the "Belvidere House."

The commissioners locating the seat of justice designated where the county seat should be on the land selected by driving a stake in the ground on the mound where the court-house has since been built, within one-fourth of a mile of which, by the then existing laws, the county offices should be kept. At a later period in the progress of events (December, 1838) it was discovered that Daniel H. Whitney, the county clerk, kept his office more than a quarter of a mile from the point so designated, and the commissioners declared the office vacant, and proceeded to appoint James L. Loop as clerk to fill the vacancy. Mr. Loop gave bonds in the sum of one thousand dollars and entered upon the discharge of his duties. Mr. Whitney's deputy had, as the court expressed him, an order of record, "contemptuously" taken from the table the records of the court. It was ordered and adjudged by the court that he pay a fine of twenty-five dollars, and stand committed until the fine was paid. A warrant of commitment was made out and

placed in the hands of the sheriff to be executed if the fine was not paid. A writ of replevin was also sued out to procure the books, papers and records "comprehensively" carried away, and also placed in the hands of the sheriff to be executed. The writ was served, and the books, papers, records, etc., recovered and returned to court. On the 17th of December, Mr. Briggs, the deputy, by Mr. S. P. Dufy as representative, appeared before the court, and confessed that he was too hasty in committing the contents on the day previous, whereupon the court ordered that one-half of the fine be remitted. The other half (\$12.50) was paid by Mr. Dufy, and thus subsided the first little "ripple" in the proceedings of the Commissioners' Court for the county of Boone.

The county seat having been located, the claim, donated to the county by the Belvidere Company, was surveyed into lots and blocks, a plot of ten acres being reserved on the highest point for county buildings. David II. Whitney was appointed commissioner to sell and dispose of lots and blocks on the quarter section of land belonging to this county on which the seat of justice had been located, and required to enter into bonds in the sum of \$2,000 for the faithful performance of the duty imposed. He was also required, as clerk, to make and transmit to the general land office and to the land office at Galena, copies of the report and all other papers received from the commissioners in reference to the location of the seat of justice of the county, and request from the general land office such information as might be necessary touching the perfecting of the title to said land.

At the December meeting of the County Commissioners' Court, Mr. Whitney reported that after advertising in the *Chicago Democrat and Tribune*, and posting up written notices at Belvidere and other public places, giving notice of such sale, to be held on the 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th days of November, offering for sale lots on the county lands, he had on the 27th of that month sold lots to the amount of \$864.75. On the 28th he adjourned the sales without day, the sales not meeting his expectations. Before making the above report, he had sold another lot at private sale, for \$80, making the total of sales \$944.75.

The sales made were for part cash and balance on time—sometimes one-half cash, and sometimes one-third, balance in one and two years, or six and twelve months, with mortgage on premises, or other satisfactory security, with interest on deferred payments. And thus from time to time, the lots belonging to the county continued to be disposed of until all were sold, and proceeds applied as conditioned in the donation of the "claim."

From this time forward, the sessions of the Commissioners' Court were principally occupied in looking after the interests of the county, managing its financial business, granting prayers of petitioners for roads, etc. At the March term, A. D. 1838, the first Grand and Petit Jurors were selected: James McBride, Israel Stone, Ira Hinkins, William Ames, Albert Stone, Levi Hamman, Nathan Trapp, John Lawrence, Peter Faye, Jos. O. Davis, John K. Towner, Alexander Neely, Alfred Slatnick, Benjamin S. Lawrence, James Shlim, Hiram Waterman, Oliver Hale, John Wright, Frederick W. Grady, Cephas Gardner, Edward E. Moss, John Spurgeon and Milton S. Nixon were selected as grand jurors.

Erasmus A. Mason, Arthur Blod, James Ginch, Louie Stephenson, Hiram Shaw, John H. Hester, Francis Triple, David Cassell, James B. Humber, J. Parsons, R. Conway, Z. H. Saville, Wm. H. Dwyer, Thomas Hartwell, Benjamin Sweet, Chas. H. Payne, Elias Condeley, William S.

Stewart, Frederick Sheldon, Jacob Fisk, A. D. Bishon, Joseph Briggs, Cornelius Cline, and John Q. A. Collins, were the petit jurors for the first term of the Circuit Court to be held in and for said county.

Of the above selection for grand jurors, Albert Stone, Alexander Neely, Oliver Hale, John Wright, Cephas Gardner, and Edward E. Moss are still living, and all residents of the county except Mr. Neely, who, some years since, moved to Waterloo, Iowa. Of the petit jurors, John Q. A. Collins and John H. Herbert are still living. Mr. Herbert resides in Belvidere, and Mr. Collins at Denver, Colorado, where he is extensively engaged in mining operations.

At this term of the Commissioners' Court, Dr. D. H. Whitney resigned his position as Commissioner of Sales for Boone County, and Hiram Waterman was appointed to the vacancy.

April 17, 1838, the Commissioners convened in special session, and among other things, ordered that the clerk advertise for sealed proposals, to be received until the first Monday in June, for the erection of a court house, "forty by thirty feet, with a basement story of stone, the basement story to be finished one-half for a jail, the other half into a room for a family; the first story to be finished with three offices and a hall and one room for a family's occupancy; the second story to be finished with a court room and two jury-rooms; the house when finished to be worth five or six thousand dollars." Proposals were also to be "received until the first Monday in June, for the purchase of the whole or any part of the county lands, and payment to be made by the erection of the court house, or the furnishing of materials for the same, or erecting any portion of the same."

At the June term, 1838, it was "ordered that the north room of S. P. Doty's house be used for the use and purposes of a county jail until otherwise ordered." Until this time, there had been no place for the imprisonment of violators of law and offenders against the peace and dignity of the State. Hence it is written on the records of Boone County that the "north room of S. P. Doty's house" was the first place "used for the uses and purposes of a county jail." At the same session of the Court, however, a contract was made and entered into with Simon P. Doty for the erection of a county jail, for \$250.00, to be completed in four months. The jail so contracted for was a "block jail," which was subsequently removed to another location and used for other purposes, and finally, in 1877, made into a fire wood and fence posts. The contract price was paid in full (in notes) at the time, and the jail completed within the time specified.

The financial panic of 1837 laid a heavy hand on Boone County and its people, and in June, 1838, Mr. Whitney was authorized to negotiate a loan of one thousand dollars "with any individual, or with the Chicago Branch Bank of the State of Illinois, or with any bank in the State of Michigan, on the fifth and credit of said county of Boone," at such rate of interest as could be had, and on such time, not less than six months nor exceeding two years, as could be agreed upon.

August 16, 1838, the first tax list or assessment roll, returned or delivered by the treasurer, showed the whole amount of taxable personal property (no land at that time being taxable) to be valued at \$31,954.03. On this valuation, a tax of \$234.03 had been assessed. The list was delivered to S. P. Doty, as collector. At the December term of the Court, Mr. Doty made a settlement, the entry of the clerk showing the following statement:

Amount charged to sheriff (Aug. 10) on page 97

\$204.65

Amount deducted for errors

1.80

Amount in collect

\$252.14

Deduct sheriff's commission $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. on whole

\$63.04

Leaves due county

\$214.73

Credit by amount paid into treasury in orders, as appears by receipts filed in the office of the clerk

100.49

Yet due the county, from which no commission is to be deducted

\$183.31

The first money paid into the treasury was twenty-five dollars for fines assessed and collected by Justice of the Peace TOWNER, in two assault and battery cases, and for licenses collected by the clerk of the Commissioners' Court, in September, 1837.

In August, 1838, a new Board of Commissioners was elected. The new board was composed of Moses Blood, Orris Crosby and John K. Towner. At the same election, Longdon C. Walker (Democrat) and S. P. Doty (Whig) had been pitted against each other for sheriff. Walker was elected by a majority of six. John Handy was elected coroner. The first meeting of the new Board of Commissioners was held in September. Meeting for organization, they drew for terms. Mr. Towner drew the ticket on which "three years" was written, and was thus chosen to serve for three years; Mr. Blood drew the ticket on which "two years" was written, and was thereby entitled to serve two years, and Mr. Crosby drew the one-year ticket. Taking the oath of office, the new court proceeded to business. At their March term, 1839, the second grand and petit jurors were selected. The term of court for which the former jurors were selected, for some reason was never held, and consequently they were never sworn as jurors. The second selection was made and their names entered on record, but, for cause not appearing of record, a special term of the Commissioners' Court, held on the 25d of the same month, entered an order revoking the selection of jurors, as made in order 59 of the regular session, and a third selection made, as follows:

GRAND JURORS—James McBride, Israel Stone, Isa Haskins, S. P. Hyde, Albert Shaw, Levi Hammon, Nathan Trippe, John Lawrence, Peter Payne, William Brett, Nathaniel Crosby, Alexander Neely, Alfred E. Ames, Benjamin P. Lawrence, James Smith, Daniel S. Brooks, Oliver Hale, John Wright, John Langdon, Georgas Gardner, Edward E. Moss, John Spornelle, and William S. Mason. The court fixed their pay at seventy-five cents per day, and no mileage.

PETIT JURORS—Horace Piersall, Allen Baldwin, Arthur Blood, James C. Gough, Lambert Allert Neely, Asin Garinette, Thomas Hart, Titile James B. Lambert, Alfred Neely, Eliza Corrigin, William Stewart, Benjamin Sweet, Charles H. Payne, Eliza Corrigin, William Stewart, Frederick Stetson, David Drake, Robert E. Hart, Dewey Walker, Stephen M. Jenner, William P. Molony, Henry Loop and Daniel Bliss.

Of the grand jurors above selected, Alexander Neely, Oliver Hale, John Wright, Cuplas Gardner and Edward E. Moss are still living and all residents of the county, except Alexander Neely, who is now a citizen of Iowa. Of the petit jurors, John H. Herbert and Dewey Walker are still living and citizens of the county.

The term of the Circuit Court for which the above named jurors were selected was set for the fourth Monday after the fourth Monday in April, 1839.

The place of holding the court was designated by the County Commissioners' Court as "the Baptist House of worship," and although these jurors were the third selection, they were the first to qualify and discharge jurors' duties. The building in which the court met had been erected by the Baptist people, on the corner of what is now East and Van Buren streets (the lot now being occupied by the residence of Mr. E. I. Reynolds), and for a number of years was used as a house of worship, school house, Circuit Court room, and a place for holding political and other public meetings. It was afterwards removed to the opposite side of Van Buren street, and used as a house of worship by the Universalist Society until about 1861, when it was sold to Gray Brothers, and removed to another location and used as a paint shop. Later, it was snatched to the western part of town, and is now occupied as a residence by Mr. Ira D. Hill.

At the first term of the court, commencing on the 25th of April, 1839, that being the Thursday after the fourth Monday in that month, Judge Dan. Stone presided. Seth S. Whitman, who had been previously commissioned by Judge Stone, served as clerk, and H. C. Walker (now a merchant in Philadelphia) was the Sheriff. There was but little business, and that nearly all of a civil character. The docket for that term only shows four cases of a criminal character—assault and battery cases, etc., all appeal cases from the different justices of the Peace. Only forty-one cases had been docketed, and were disposed of in three days, the court adjourning on Sunday, the 27th of April, until the next term in course, April, 1840. When that term came on, Sheldon L. Hall appeared as prosecutor on the part of the people, Judge Stone again presiding. Mr. Walker had resigned the office of Sheriff, and was succeeded by B. F. Lawrence. The Sheriff of Winnebago County appeared in open court and presented Martin Thompson, who had been indicted by the Grand Jury of Winnebago County for passing counterfeit money and sent here for trial. He asked for and obtained a continuance. This case was not disposed of until April, 1841, when he was found guilty and sentenced to the Penitentiary for one year, one month of which was to be spent in solitary confinement. The charge upon which he was indicted was for passing a "two-dollar counterfeit bill. He was not regarded as a bad man, and after his conviction, he was taken out to the residence and farm of Albert Stone, who was then Sheriff, where he was kept at work some two or three weeks, until Mr. Stone could get ready to take him to Alton. He was fully trusted, and allowed to go unattended all about the farm. Conversing with Mr. Stone about the case, during the writing of this book, he said he had the most implicit confidence in Thompson's faith and honesty, and believes if he had told him immediately after his conviction to go where he pleased until a certain day, and then meet him at Peru, from whence in those days travel to Alton and St. Louis went by boat, his prisoner would have been there. Thompson was never manacled or handcuffed, and when he was turned over to the Warden of the prison, the Sheriff told that gentleman that the prisoner was not a bad man, that he would make no attempt to escape, and that he could be fully trusted around the open yard and gates of the prison. The Warden expressed surprise to see a convict brought in the doors of the prison unfettered by handcuffs and shackles, and remarked that it was the first instance of the kind in his experience as Warden. Thompson served out his time, and subsequently came back to the county and called to visit the Sheriff who had treated him so kindly. That was the first conviction in the Circuit Court of Boone County.

Returning to the September (1840) term of the Circuit Court, we find that the first application for citizenship was made at that term. Charles McDougal, now living in Belvidere, was the applicant. The application was placed on record, and the necessary papers ordered to be issued.

At the same term of court the first divorce case was disposed of, and the marriage relations between Roscoe Campbell and his wife, Sally J. Campbell, declared to be dissolved.

Since that time to date (September, 1877), a period of thirty-seven years, there have only been forty-nine convictions for criminal offenses, as follows:

Forgery, 1; larceny, 32; burglary, 7; rape, 2; manslaughter, 3; counterfeiting, 2; mayhem, 1; robbery, 1. Nearly one-half of these convictions were for crimes committed in other counties and sent here on a charge of venue, or for crimes committed by transient persons passing through the county. The criminal record shows fewer cases, perhaps, than any other county in the State, or probably in any county of any of the adjoining States—a fact that speaks volumes for the intelligence, morality, virtue and honesty of the people.

At a special term of the Commissioners' Court, held on the 15th of April, 1838, the jail built by Simon P. Doty was inspected and accepted, and the keys handed over to the Sheriff, H. C. Walker, who was directed to "procure two sets of shackles for hands, and put a ring, bolt and chain for the use of said jail." The north room of Simon P. Doty's residence, which had previously been designated as a jail, was given up, and the new jail put in order for the "reception" of such as might be sentenced to incarceration within its walls. The first use made of the new jail for the purposes for which it was built seems to have been between April and June of that year, two persons having been incarcerated therein, one of them a notorious character and horse-thief, and the other on a similar charge, but a charge made without sufficient grounds on which to sustain an indictment or conviction. The facts in the case were that he had hired a horse to ride to Rockford, but went beyond and was gone longer than the time he specified, and the owner of the horse, becoming uneasy, went in pursuit. He met the man coming back, but pretended a charge of horse-stealing against him, and had him arrested and put in jail. When his case was called for trial at Rockford, where it had been transferred, and the circumstances stated to the court, he was acquitted. The other character, giving his name as J. H. Hartwell, was taken to Freeport, and thence to Galena, for safe keeping; but, a desperado by nature and education, and used to all sorts of jails and prisons in all parts of the country, the West Indies included, if his story was to be believed, and used to breaking out of jail as often as he was put in, he did not remain long in the Galena prison, but laid a plan and carried it out by which himself and some half dozen other scoundrels got away. From that day to this, he has never been seen or heard of in this part of the country. While confined in jail here he managed to break out once, but was soon overwhelmed and taken back, and in a few days thereafter taken to Freeport, and thence to Galena, for "safe keeping." How safely he was kept has been shown.

The records of the June (1838) session of the Commissioners' Court do not show that any proposals were submitted for building the Court House, as advertised for in April, but following the records up to March, 1839, they show that Hiram Waterman was appointed commissioner and

agent for the County Commissioners, for the purpose of letting jobs, making contracts, etc., "for the purpose of building a Court House as follows:—At the same session of the court, in order 58, it was declared that a Court House should be built, the order further specifying that it should be 40 feet in length and 30 feet in width; posts 25 feet long, with entry stairs on each side of front door; half five feet wide through lower story, with back door and two rooms on each side of the hall—the upper room to be arched overhead and arranged in a plain, neat and convenient manner for holding court. In December following, the clerk was ordered to "draw a contract with Wm. B. Page for brick for Court House, said brick to be ready for delivery on or before the 1st of July next; one hundred thousand brick at \$1 per thousand." At a special session, in the same month, the clerk was directed to contract with "Robert B. Illard for finding all materials excepting the brick, and laying the walls for the Court House, the price agreed upon, \$5 per thousand, payable \$250 in county bonds and the balance in cash after the job is commenced." The same session the clerk was directed to advertise for proposals for the lumber for the Court House building—bids to be received on the 6th of January. On James Johnson, some time previous, had taken a contract for doing certain work on the Court House, to commence work on the 1st of June, 1840, but the lumber not being delivered, the time was extended to the time when the lumber would be in readiness, etc. In July (1840) the clerk was further directed to contract with John Bruce for delivering stone for the foundation, "and that said Bruce be allowed \$10 per cord for what stone were necessary, supposed to be about nine cords—the stone to be measured after the wall of it is laid up—the stone to be delivered before the 1st day of August next." When all was in readiness to commence the foundation walls of the Court House, it was found that the jail erected by Doty had been built on the site intended for the Court House, and it was ordered to be removed to the site selected for it. The work commenced in 1840, progressed slowly, and in February, 1842, the contract between James Johnson and the commissioners was deemed to have been forfeited on the part of Johnson, and was pronounced null and void by the court, and the clerk directed to advertise for sealed proposals "for framing and finishing the inside of the Court House in Belvidere—the proposals to be handed in one week previous to the March term of the Commissioners' Court." Little by little the work on the Court House was prosecuted, and it was not until some time in 1843—six years after the organization of the county—that it was completed and ready for occupancy. For a period of ten years it served the purpose for which it was erected. But the progress and development of the county was rapid. Population had increased, and with the increase of population came an increase of county business, demanding enlarged and better arranged quarters, and, in 1853, arrangements were made for tearing down the old structure and erecting a new one, which would include a substantial and secure jail, as well. In March, 1854, an order was passed to borrow \$5,000 to aid in the construction, and five county bonds of \$1,000 each ordered to be issued for that purpose, and Allen C. Fuller and Alexander Neely appointed to negotiate the sale of the bonds. In 1851, the subject of building a new jail was agitated, but no definite action was taken until it was determined to build Court House and jail in one, and about May 20, 1854, the County Board entered into a contract with Mr. John Higley as contractor, for the erection of the present Court House and jail, for the

sum of \$9,500, Mr. Hryg taking the material in the old Court House in part payment. E. W. Smith, architect, of Chicago, was employed to furnish the plans and specifications. Isaac Miller, Samuel Rockwell, and John L. Curtis, had previously been appointed as a building committee, to superintend and manage the construction. At the September meeting of the Board of Supervisors, they tendered their resignation as such committee, which resignation was accepted, and Allen C. Fuller, L. M. Beebe, and John M. Vaulcesen, appointed to succeed them. Vaulcesen soon after removed from the State, and Meera, Fuller and Beebe were left to the duty for which the committee had been raised. On September 12, 1853, this committee reported the Court House finished, and the Board directed the Clerk to enter upon the record a resolution of thanks to Meera, Fuller and Beebe for the faithful, honest and impartial manner in which they had discharged their duty as a building committee. At the same meeting of the Board, Fuller and Beebe were instructed to procure furniture for the new temple of county justice and the several offices, that would be in keeping with its character, architecture and finish. This trust discharged, on the 11th of March, 1856, they were discharged from further duty. The Court House had been accepted and occupied, since when the debts contracted in the course of its erection have been fully paid; and carefully managed, the county is entirely free from debt and its county orders considered as good as gold.

In 1845, the Legislature passed an act providing as follows: "That it shall be lawful for the County Commissioners' Court of the county of Boone, by an order to be entered upon the records of said court, to require the Recorder of the county of Winnemago, and the Clerk of the Commissioners' Court of said county, to transcribe into a book, to be provided for that purpose by the County Commissioners' Court of the said county of Boone, all records of said offices relating to the following described territory of land, to-wit: Sections 6, 7, 8, 10, 30, and 31, in each of the townships of 43, 44, 45, and 46, in range 3 east of the third principal meridian."

This act related to the lands included in the mile strip, that, when the law creating Boone County was passed, had been left as a part of Winnemago County, as a compromise measure to conciliate the conflicting interests in that county. The provisions of the law were carried out. The Commissioners' Court of Boone, for the purpose of perfecting a record of the lands, roads, etc., on that strip, provided the necessary books, and required the Recorder and Clerk, as aforesaid, to transcribe all records and orders relating to the said lands, roads, etc. The transcript was made, and, when completed and properly certified, was forwarded to Boone and placed among the recorded proceedings of the county, thus perfecting and completing the county's record.

From the date of the organization of the county of Boone, and the election of the first board of county officers, in May, 1837, the management of the affairs of the county were vested in a board of three county commissioners, as provided under the original constitution of the state, adopted A. D. 1818. The law under which these commissioners were elected provided that one of them should serve for one year, one for two years, and one for three years. Each county was divided into three commissioners' districts, and each district voted only for its own commissioner. At the first meeting of the Board after its election, the members drew for terms—that is, three tickets were prepared, on one of which was written "one year,"

on another, "two years," and on the other one, "three years." These tickets were placed in a box, or may be a hat, and each commissioner drew out one, the one drawing the ticket with the words "three years," upon it was entitled to serve three years; the one drawing the "two years," ticket would serve two years; and the other one would serve one year, it being intended by the law that one commissioner should be elected every year after the first election for a term of three years. This law governed in the election of commissioners in each county in the state up to and succeeding the adoption of the constitution of 1847; and its ratification by the people, March 6, 1848. After the latter date and until the township organization system was adopted by the people of Boone—among the first in the state to adopt it—the management of county affairs was conducted by a county judge and two associate justices. A law was passed under and by virtue of the constitution of 1847, however, providing that the people of the several townships throughout the state should, on the first Monday in April, 1850, vote "for" or "against" the township organization system.

While the people of Boone adopted the system, several other counties in the state, particularly in the more southern part, voted against it, and are still under the old system of management by a board of county commissioners. The same constitutional enactment, and the laws thereunder, changed the time of holding elections from August to November. In November, 1849, the first election after the change was held; Daniel H. Whitney was elected county judge, Edward Hawley and Lucius Fuller associate justices, and John Jackson clerk of the county court. This court succeeded the county commissioners in the management of county affairs until the adoption and carrying into effect of the township organization system, in 1850. The first Board of Supervisors was elected in April, 1850, and held their first meeting June 11 following, in response to a notice issued to them from Hon. D. H. Whitney, county judge. They were: Frederick P. Low, Fairfield (now Flora) Township; Nathaniel Crosby, Beldere Township; Henry Jenkins, Caledonia Township; Charles W. Libby, Manchester Township; William Raymond, Leroy Township; Hiram C. Miller, Boone Township; Isaac Miller, Bonus Township; Charles B. Lord, Concord (now Spring) Township.

At that meeting, H. C. Miller, of Boone, was elected chairman *pro tem*. Allen C. Fuller was elected county attorney. After the transaction of some unimportant business, the Board adjourned until the 11th of November, the time fixed by law for their regular meeting. At that meeting the full management of the affairs of the county was turned over to them. Their first transactions were a change of voting places in the several townships, etc. Thus commenced a new, but perhaps not better, era in the management of the public affairs of the county. Soon after this, the snafu of building a new jail and court house commenced to be discussed, resulting, as already shown, in the erection of the present county buildings.

Thus far it has been the purpose to follow as minutely as possible all the more important incidents pertinent to the history of the county. They have been pretty closely followed from the time the Robbins claim was taken, in May or June 1835, to the completion of a second court house, in 1853. Since that date the county has steadily grown in population, wealth and importance, and public affairs have been so well managed that the faith and credit of the county ranks among the first in the state. No bonds in aid of railroad or other public enterprises were ever voted by the people,

the consequence of which is that no debt hangs over the tax payers. Free from debt, with money in the treasury, Boone County orders or warrants are good at their face in any home market, and as readily taken in business transactions as National Bank Notes.

Passing over a period of some years, in which we find no absorbing incidents of importance, we come to that period in the Nation's history which is equally a part of the history of every county—the War of the Rebellion—and the part borne in that ever-to-be-remembered conflict by the brave and patriotic men of Boone.

When the peace and tranquillity of the North was disturbed by intelligence borne along the electric wires that Fort Sumter had been fired upon by the enemies of the Union of our fathers, there was awakened a sentiment of patriotism and unanimity that knew no limit until an army was raised and equipped that broke no obstacle—that swept from the lakes on the north to the gulf on the south—wherever an armed hand was raised against the government—that, with one voice reiterated and reaffirmed the declaration of the soldier statesman, President Jackson, that "by the great Eternal, this Union must and shall be preserved." Imbued with the spirit of the men of '76, they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honors in defense of the government of their fathers. Homes and their pleasures and comforts were given up for the hardships and privations of a soldier's life on the taut field of danger, carnage and strife. Such an uprising the civilized world had never known before. But the cause was just, and the triumph of victory only a question of time.

Just when this people were startled by the call "to arms," patriotic words from Dr. Daniel H. Whitney, always a true and noble, as well as a brave, and public spirited and patriotic citizen, Gen. S. A. Hurlbut, A. C. Fuller, L. W. Lawrence, Wm. Haywood, D. L. Baker, Dr. Molony and others, with our regard to previous political opinions, needed no interpretation to inspire their fellow citizens to respond to their country's call. Men by hundreds offered their services, and their lives, if need be, in defense of the Nation's integrity and unity. Money by tens of thousands of dollars was placed at the disposal of the government, and thus it came that no county in all the counties of the patriotic North made a bolder or more honorable record of devotion to the Union than the noble one made by "Little Boone." Among the smallest in the state, not one of all the others more clearly defined its position. There was no faltering between two opinions. Party lines that had sometimes been closely drawn, were obliterated, harsh and bitter words previously spoken in moments of political excitement were forgotten and forgiven, and joining hands in a common cause, with a sincerity of motive, they united in an oneness of purpose, the remembrance of which will live as a monument grander, if not more enduring, than any ever fashioned out of granite or marble.

On the pages of Holy Writ it is inscribed that "he that provideth not for his own household is worse than an infidel." The influence of this text was not lost upon those in authority in this county, and measures were inaugurated and carried out to secure the families—the wives and little ones of those who went out with their lives in their hands to meet the foes of the government, against want. Never was there a grander spirit evinced; never was there a more eloquent sermon preached from the text above quoted than when the county treasury was made the source from whence the supplies were drawn that secured soldiers' "loved ones," at home the

necessary comforts of life. There was no grumbling about high taxes to keep the treasury full, nor were they grudgingly paid. Every one was glad of an opportunity to help in so noble a cause. Because of this knowledge that wives and little ones, aged fathers and mothers, were thus provided for, though their beds were made upon mother earth, their covering only that of the azure canopy above, the dreams of Boone's boys in blue were none of the less sweet, nor their slumbers less refreshing. The records of the official proceedings of Boone County show that during the war the sum of \$161,011.56 was appropriated for the purpose of paying bounties and aiding in the support of soldiers' families. When it is considered that there are only eight townships in the county—that it is only twelve miles from east to west and twenty-four miles from north to south (less the fractional sections along the Wisconsin state line), and containing only two hundred and eighty-four square miles, this sum seems almost fabulous. Basing the population at 11,678, as reported by the census of 1890, this sum was equal to \$13.78 to each man, woman and child in the county. In addition, each of the eight townships were equally as wise, generous and patriotically benevolent. Belvidere appropriated \$38,422.68; Spring, \$6,250.97; Flora, \$6,124.10; Bonita, \$9,212.50; Boone, \$1,211.63; Manchester, \$9,498.22; Caledonia, \$4,629.86; Leroy, \$10,912.83.

These appropriations swelled the aggregate to \$292,704.25, increasing the proportion to \$21.64 to each man, woman and child in the county. Add to the above total the sum of \$63,176.06—a sum equal to one-fourth of the amount raised by county and town taxation—voluntarily contributed by the people and paid on the spot whenever occasion or circumstances seemed to demand, and we find a grand total of \$315,880.31, appropriated by the patriots of Boone for bounties, etc., and increasing the total proportion to \$27.05 to each man, woman and child in the county. Add the still further fact that, from first to last, nearly two thousand men* had enlisted from this county, and justice demands that Boone be recorded as the *Banner County of Illinois* in the great and final conflict between Freedom and Slavery!

Fort Sumter had been fired upon, and was surrendered to the rebels, April 13, 1861. President Lincoln's proclamation calling for 75,000 men was issued April 15, 1861. But already had S. A. Hurlbut, Esq., made a movement to organize a regiment of minute men in the northern counties. He had just returned to Belvidere from a trip to Washington and the South. He expressed his belief that the rebellion would prove a more formidable affair than the people of the North generally anticipated, because the trouble had passed beyond the range of compromise, if, indeed, it ever was confined to that limit, and that no possible mode except stern force existed by which the apprehency of the constitution and laws could be vindicated, and the Union maintained. [A war meeting was called to meet at the court house at two o'clock, Saturday, April 20. The meeting was the largest congregation of people ever seen in Belvidere. Dr. D. H. Whitney was chosen to preside, making a stirring speech on taking the chair. Dr. Molony followed, taking strong grounds against the traitors. Mr. Hurlbut, chairman of the committee appointed for the purpose, reported a series of resolutions, which were adopted as the sentiment of the meeting, "after which," said the Belvidere Standard of April 23, "he made one of

*This estimate includes men who enlisted in regiments raised in other States, as in Wisconsin, and other counties, of which there were a large number, and who were not all credited to Boone county.

the most cheering and soul-stirring speeches that ever electrified an audience." Such excitement was never witnessed. "Mr. Hurlbut," the *Standard* continues, "opened the muster roll with his signature."

"Judge F. Wiley then came forward with a resolution calling for the raising of a Citizens' War Fund, the subscriptions to be applied towards the support of the families of the volunteers during their absence in the war. The resolution was accompanied with his check for five hundred dollars. The meeting gave the Judge three cheers, and called for a speech. He took the floor, and for half an hour the meeting was swayed with an eloquence which we cannot describe. Strong men wept like children, and the Judge, himself, was agitated with emotions so strong as to almost preclude speech. We never saw a more completely under the spell thrown over them by a speaker. * * * The call was *may for money*. In less than an hour the following sums had been subscribed and paid on the spot, either by cash or check:

Allen G. Fuller.....	\$500	L. Foster.....	25	
M. G. Leonard.....	100	I. V. Wing.....	25	\$
A. H. Bradley.....	50	W. H. Wood.....	25	
D. H. Whitney.....	100	D. E. Ellis.....	25	
I. R. Mudge.....	100	R. Roberts.....	25	
Asa Baldwin.....	100	D. Rix.....	25	
W. R. C. Cunnell.....	100	L. H. March.....	25	
R. S. Molony.....	100	E. H. Reynolds.....	25	
Jas. Jaffray.....	100	Wm. Corning.....	15	
I. T. Witbeck.....	100	D. Wallin.....	25	
James Bennett.....	250	F. A. Hall.....	25	
Montgomery Smith.....	100	Big Thunder Mill.....	50	
H. D. Waterman.....	100	E. Grove.....	25	
H. N. Dashi.....	50	John Court.....	100	
L. W. Lawrence.....	50	S. W. Bristol.....	25	
H. C. DeLmann.....	50	Geo. Waternan.....	100	
Albert Stone.....	50	E. K. F. Randolph.....	100	
Dan'l E. Foote.....	50	A. F. Moss.....	50	
Geo. Dean.....	50	W. Thompson.....	25	
A. W. Brunsale.....	50	J. M. Glasner.....	25	
Cephas Gardner.....	50	B. Ames, 1st inf't.....	25	
Dan'l Mabie.....	50	Geo. W. Doyne.....	50	
Hiram Jones.....	50	Thos. Lillibridge.....	25	
S. Torvilliger.....	15	S. Lovett.....	25	
Geo. Chace.....	50	G. Lacey.....	20	
Horatio Sage.....	50	W. Sunderlin.....	20	
D. C. Wolverton.....	25	Mrs. M. Doby.....	5	
T. D. Walker.....	25	Isaac Miller.....	25	
John Serraty.....	25	Lewis Wilson.....	25	
Wm. Contrup.....	25	John Hammel.....	25	
M. Reiss.....	25	L. L. Lake.....	25	
D. T. Olney.....	25	W. Cunningham.....	5	
Geo. W. March.....	25	J. H. Robbins.....	5	
Total.....				\$3,935.

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"The enlistment roll," continues the *Standard*, "was then opened, and fifteen or twenty men came forward and affixed their names. A meeting was fixed for the evening, in the basement of the Presbyterian church, which was packed full, a large number of ladies being present. * * *

The meeting was called to order and brief speeches made by the chairman (Dr. Whitney), S. A. Hurlbut, W. Thompson, Wm. W. Wood, and Dr. Molony. The subscription proceeded briskly during the intervals, and stopped a little short of \$4,000."

At this meeting fifty-eight names were signed to the muster roll, up to the time the report was made to the *Standard*, and additions constantly being made. The enlistments were as follows:

S. A. Hurlbut,	Nelson Payne,
David L. Baker,	Frank Neely,
J. W. Harper,	Chas. Outalt,
Geo. W. Drake,	Chas. Rayner,
L. O. Gilman,	C. N. Case,
J. W. H. Sonner,	James O. Greyten,
Wm. W. Jones,	Nicholas Butler,
Martin Derthick,	W. R. Coe,
Forrester Clark,	Z. H. Pratt,
S. S. Stoner,	Thos. Tobey,
R. S. Hambridge,	Amos Bates,
Hiram F. Howe,	Wm. Ward,
N. Vansistine,	A. D. Gallagher,
Wm. Baker,	A. D. Carpenter,
John J. Norton,	Jas. M. Smith,
Blumner F. Robinson,	John Patrick,
R. D. Woodruff,	A. J. McEllany,
Alonso Forvers,	Walter Miles,
James Backer,	Robert Giles,
Orrin Whipple,	C. A. Crocker,
Richard A. Gould,	J. F. M. Chamberlain,
Albert Wheeler,	J. F. Hovey,
Joel Danavie,	P. M. Eglumy,
E. B. White,	F. F. Morley,
Beverly W. Whitney,	G. H. Merrill,
James M. Tiedel,	Gov. W. Rodgers,
Daniel J. Tuttle,	Wm. Derthick,
	E. A. Wallace—58.

By the 30th of April, one hundred and fifteen men had enrolled their names, elected officers and drilled daily and nightly. The officers elected were: S. A. Hurlbut, Captain; William Haywood, First Lieutenant, and D. L. Baker, Second Lieutenant.

"The Governor was telegraphed," continues the *Standard*, of May 11th, "that the company desired to be accepted as a part of the six regiments; but the unavailing answer was returned that the six regiments were full, and over fourteen had offered their services who could not be accepted. A bill having been introduced into the legislature, then in session, to authorize the Governor to accept ten additional regiments, then should go into camp, for instruction, thirty days, unless sooner called for by

The President, our company decided to keep up their drill for a few days. There was some delay in the legislature acting upon this bill and some doubt in relation to its passage. The company, on the 4th, adjourned until the 8th, to determine what they would do. On Monday morning, the 9th, the Adjutant General telegraphed Captain Hurlbut to put his company in marching order and report himself and company at Freeport, last Saturday, the 11th inst. A citizens' meeting was immediately called for Tuesday evening, and it was then resolved that the company should be presented with a uniform military dress. A committee was appointed and left for Chicago on the night train, and on Wednesday at three o'clock telegraphed that the cloth was bought and would arrive at nine o'clock that evening. At ten o'clock that evening the goods were received and unpacked, the tailor shops in town transferred to the hall, and everything ready for action.

"On Tuesday morning found the hall almost crowded to suffocation, with ladies, all anxious to show their devotion to the good cause by hard work. And hard work it was. It was decided to abolish the word 'impossible' and see what could be done. And at it they went with a will. The tailors cut, the maidens basted, and the matrons put together, and at twelve o'clock Friday night the work was done. All honor to the fair ones of Belvidere. The thanks of grateful hearts and a soldier's blessing is your well-earned reward. Eighty-four men carry upon their persons the grateful evidences of your determination to act your part promptly. A few coats finished Saturday morning are not needed at present. Cloth was bought for one hundred, but owing to the uncertainty of the acceptance of the company, several volunteers who originally enlisted and went home, did not return. Several applications, however, were made on Saturday, and we have no doubt the company will be increased at Freeport to one hundred."

"At an early hour on Saturday morning, our citizens began to pour into town. At ten o'clock, as a mark of respect to our citizen soldiers, all stores and shops were closed and business in town suspended. At half-past eleven o'clock the procession was formed at the corner of State and Me-Clintock streets, under direction of Sheriff Garcelon, and at noon, precisely, the gallant Boone County Volunteers, in full dress and looking every inch the soldier, were escorted to the depot by from five to six thousand of their fellow citizens. Arriving at the depot a short time before the train was due, short and appropriate exercises took place.

"Doctor Whitney called the meeting to order, and after a few touching allusions to the solemnity of the occasion which had called together so many of the citizens, invited the Rev. Mr. Roe to come forward and pray. Elder Roe then came forward and pronounced a most touching prayer. W. Thompson, Esq., addressed the soldiers and people in a short and happy speech of ten minutes. Rev. H. B. Holmes also delivered a short address. A. C. Fuller then came forward and presented a beautiful sword to Captain Hurlbut, who acknowledged its presentation as complimentary to himself and company, and on behalf of himself and company thanked the citizens of Boone county for the many acts of kindness shown them, and promised to give a good account of themselves should their active service be required by the government. Although the occasion was most solemn and impressive, nobody made a speech—nobody could make a speech—and to the credit of all, nobody tried to make a speech—the hearts of all were too full for utterance. There stood eighty-four of our citizen soldiers who had pledged themselves to maintain the honor of our flag, and if need be, to seal their

devotion to the constitution and laws by their blood, the polished guns and gleaming steel now in their hands to make good that pledge—and around them beat the aching hearts of fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, neighbors and friends, pressing on their ranks to take, as it may be, a last farewell. What can be said at such a time, except to give a word of encouragement and breathe a prayer for their welfare?

"No man or woman in this county but what ought to feel a common pride in that company. We are glad to believe their gallant Captain will be made a Colonel of the regiment. If so, First Lieutenant Hurlwood, who has seen service in Mexico, will probably be their Captain. The officers and men are a fine, healthy, and we have no doubt, brave set of men. There may be some five or six 'wild ones' among them, but they will make good soldiers, and in point of intelligence and character the company will compare favorably with the people of the country."

Such was the beginning made by the gallant and brave sons of "Little Boone," that responded so readily to their country's call, swelling the army by thousands, and of the patriotic citizens, fathers and mothers, that so readily gave of their substance to save the government's honor, maintain its dignity and preserve the union they loved so well—

"A union of lakes, a union of lands—

A union none can sever—

A union of hearts, a union of hands,

The grandest union forever."

Monuments may crumble, cities may fall into decay; the tooth of time leave its impress on all the works of man, but the memory of the gallant deeds of the army of the union in the war of the great rebellion, in which the sons of Boone bore so conspicuous a part, will live in the minds of men so long as time and civilized governments endure.

In concluding this section of the PAST AND PRESENT OF BOONE COUNTY, what more fitting tribute can be paid, what greater halo of glory cast around and about their deeds of valor, than a full and complete War Record, embracing the names, the terms of enlistment, the battles in which they engaged, and all the minutiae of their soldier lives? It will be a wreath of glory encircling every brow, and a memento which each and every one of them earned in defense of their country's honor, integrity and unity.

Sullivan Win. C. (hus.)

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Allen Peter, c. Sept. 9, 1864, m. c. Jan. 7, 1865, via.
Alma Peters, c. Jan. 1864, m. c. Jan. 7, 1865, via.
Bose H. M., c. Sept. 30, 1864, m. c. Aug. 16, 1865,
via.
C. W. Hall, c. Dec. 1864, trans. to Co. B, 4th I. V.I.
Calisto H. F., c. Jan. 4, 1864, died Memphis July 28, 1864.
Cannon D. W., Dec. 29, 1864, died Memphis July 28, 1864.
Downs L. L., Dec. 24, 1864, trans. to Co. E, 4th I. V.I.
Farrington C. A., c. Sept. 1864, m. c. Aug. 16, 1865, via.
Lawrence Chas. J., c. Dec. 1864, m. c. Aug. 16, 1865, via.
Hogan John M., c. Dec. 5, 1863, m. c. Aug. 16, 1865, via.
Isaac prominent
47th I. V.I.

May 29, 1864, m. c. Dec. 31, 1864, trans. to Co. B, 4th I. V.I.
Meyer, c. Sept. 9, 1864, m. c. Aug. 16, 1865, via.
Nelson, c. Sept. 9, 1864, m. c. Aug. 16, 1865, via.
Onda George, c. Sept. 1864, m. c. Aug. 17, 1865, with
Co. A, 4th I. V.I.
Ransom, c. Sept. 1864, m. c. Aug. 17, 1865, with
Co. A, 4th I. V.I.
Russell D. J., c. Jan. 30, 1864, died at Vicksburg.
May 29, 1864.
Sawyer S. P., c. Jan. 30, 1864, died at Winchester, Co. III.
Stewart S. W., c. Feb. 9, 1864, trans. to Co. E, 4th I. V.I.
Sumner Jacob, c. Jan. 30, 1864, trans. to Co. B, 4th I. V.I.
Trotter, c. Jan. 30, 1864, trans. to Co. B, 4th I. V.I.
Waterson R. M., c. Jan. 30, 1864, trans. to Co. B, 4th I. V.I.
Wright James, c. Dec. 29, 1863, died at Memphis.

COMPTON H.

Wright Gibson. c. Sept. 2, 1864, m. o. Aug. 17, 1865.

Company 1

Rates Amos M. c. Sept. 29, 1864, m. o. Aug. 17, 1865.
Edison Chas. c. Sept. 14, 1864, detached at m. o. of regt.
Morris John, c. Oct. 3, 1864, died. June 10, 1865.

Company K.

Captain Gabriel E. Canpell, com. Sept. 4, 1866. Killed in battle. May 18, 1867.

Captain Almon Schellinger, com. First Lieutenant. Promoted to Captain, May 15, 1867.

First Lieutenant Almon Brooks, com. Second Lieutenant. Promoted to Captain, May 15, 1867.

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Second Lieutenant Jno. D. Allen, com. First Sergeant. Promoted to Captain, May 15, 1867.

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Second Lieutenant Alfred H. Chace, com. Sergeant. Promoted to Captain, May 15, 1867.

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Sergeant David Whiting, com. Aug. 7, 1866. d. Aug. 17, 1867.

Sergeant J. W. Berners, com. Aug. 7, 1866. d. Aug. 17, 1867.

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Dec. 4, '63. died. June 10, 1964.

UNION-SIGNED RECRUITS.

Oct. 6, Dec. 31, 1963.

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Saller Smith, c. Dec. 31, 1861.
Tyler Sam'l H. c. Dec. 24, 1863; rejected, died
105th Infantry.

Company G.
First Lieutenant Samuel H. Williamson, c. Aug. 7, 1862. Promoted First Sergeant, then First Lieutenant, July 17, 1864. Mustered out June 7, 1865.
Corpl. Jas. K. Williamson, c. Aug. 12, 1862, m. o. June 7, 1865, as Sergt., woz.

CITIZENRY

Taolin O. H. c. Aug. 10, 1862, m. o. June 7, 1865, wds.
 Williamson Thos. E. c. Aug. 7, 1862, m. o. June 7, 1865,
 as Sept., wds.
 Hailer Gabriel, c. Sept. 20, 1864, m. o. June 7, 1866.
 Dec. 18, 1869.

134th (100 days) Infantry.

Company G.
Second Lieutenant Jas. H. Roe, com. May 31, 1864, m.
O. Oct. 25, 1864.
Corpl. Robt. Atkinson, c. May 12, '64, m. & Oct. 25, '64.
PRIVATE

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Gaylord H. M. c. May 13, 1864, m. o. Oct. 25, 1864.
Haya Henry, c. May 13, 1864, m. o. Oct. 25, 1864.
Waterman H. B. c. May 6, 1864, m. o. Oct. 25, 1864.

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The One hundred and Forty-second Infantry Illinois' volunteers were organized at Freeport, Illinois, by Col. Rollin W. Anthony. A Battalion of eight companies was ordered Camp Butler, Illinois, where two companies, along with the Regiment mustered, June 18, 1862, for one year.

On August 1st, the Regiment moved for Memphis Tennessee, via Cairo and Mississippi river, arriving on the 26th, moved to Whitney Station, 11 miles from Memphis, on the Memphis and Charleston railroad, where it was assigned to guarding railroad.

Mustered out of the United States' service, Oct. 27, 1864, at Chicago, Ill.

142d (100 days) Infantry.

Company C.

Captain James M. Humphrey, com. June 1st, 1864.
Second Lieutenant Luther C. Lawrence, com. June 1st, 1864.
First Sergeant H. H. Woodbury, c. April 30, 1864, m. o. Oct. 26, 1864.
Sergeant H. L. Bennett, c. May 17, 1864, m. o. Oct. 26, 1864.
Sergeant J. B. Dunning, c. May 17, 1864, died at White Station, Tenn., Aug. 4, 1864.
Sergeant Oliver E. Drury, m. o. 4, m. o. Oct. 26, 1864.
Sergeant John W. Smith, c. May 17, 1864, m. o. Oct. 26, 1864, as Sergeant.
Corporal R. C. Fark, m. o. Oct. 26, 1864.
Corporal John W. Smith, m. o. Oct. 26, 1864.
Judge John C. Solomon, c. May 18, 1864, m. o. Oct. 26, 1864.

RIVATES.

mason John W. c. May 31, 1864, m. o. Oct. 26, 1864.
 Thomas H. c. April 1864, m. o. Oct. 26, 1864.
 Frederick H. c. May 1864, m. o. Oct. 26, 1864.
 Leveecky Chas. o. May 18, 1864, m. o. Oct. 26, 1864.
 Allard Edward, c. May 21, 1864, m. o. Oct. 26, 1864.
 Church Chas. w. c. June 1, 1864, m. n. Oct. 26, 1864.
 Church Chas. w. c. June 1, 1864, m. n. Oct. 26, 1864.
 Young Samuel, c. May 20, 1864, died Oct. 17, 1864.
 Old John, c. May 3, 1864, m. o. Oct. 26, 1864.
 Chambers Wm. H. s. May 17, 1864, m. o. Oct. 26, 1864.

In the course of the preparation of this work, the nineteenth annual fair of the society was held, commencing on Tuesday, the 4th of September, and ending on Friday, the 7th, during which time Mr. B. W. Coon, editor and publisher of the *Boone County Democrat*, assisted by Mr. A. H. Keefe, issued a daily edition of that paper, which, though small, was filled with useful information, not the least important of which was a somewhat comprehensive history of the society, which we transfer to the pages of the *Past and Present of Boone County*.

The first meeting of the society was appointed to take place on the 25th and 26th of October, 1855, on the site now known to the people of Boone county as the 'Old Fair Grounds.'

"The total receipts of the Treasurer for 1855 were \$634. expenditures \$302.51, leaving a balance on hand of \$331.49. Thus far the society regarded their effort a success, and the officers began agitating the question of purchasing a sufficient amount of land for the purpose of a fair ground. A committee was appointed to act in this matter and the old site of the fair grounds was purchased. Active preparations were then made for the improvements of the ground and a successful fair to be held on October 18th, 2d and 3d. Allen C. Fuller was elected President for the second year, and Geo. J. Wood, Secretary and Treasurer.

"The total receipts for 1856 were \$933.70, against \$624 in 1855, giving an increase of \$359.70 for the second year.

"In 1857 the following officers were elected: President, Allen C. Fuller; Vice President, John B. Tinker; Secretary and Treasurer, Geo. J. Wood.

"The Secretary's report for 1856 shows the total receipts to be \$933.70, with disbursements reaching \$635.45. These amounts not including amounts on hand from previous year, or expenditures.

"From 1857 to 1867 the fair was held on the old grounds, and the society had years of reasonable success, and again seasons of depression.

"In 1867 Mr. A. E. Jenner was chosen Secretary, and in the minutes of the Board held in 1860, when Ezra May was elected President; E. E. Moss, Vice President; A. E. Jenner, Secretary, and G. W. Downs, Treasurer, is the following:

"Resolved, That the Board is hereby authorized to pay the Secretary for his services any amount not exceeding thirty dollars.

"In 1869, on motion of Mr. George Dean, it was voted to postpone the holding of a fair until the fall of 1869, and again at a meeting of the directors in June, 1868, it was voted to postpone holding a fair until after the next annual meeting of the society, and the board then adjourned to meet on the call of the secretary. The records then show that the next meeting was held at the court-house in April, 1868, when it was voted that the secretary call a mass meeting of the members, farmers, mechanics, merchants, ladies and everybody to meet in the court-house on Saturday, June 3, 1868, 'to determine whether the society shall live or die.' At the June meeting, we infer, it was decided to try to live, for L. W. Lawrence was elected President; E. A. Jenner, Secretary, and W. B. Cornell, Treasurer, and a fair was held that year in September, and the society did very well, we judge, for at the annual meeting, held April 4, 1876, the society owed only \$15.

"In 1867, at the annual meeting, E. E. Moss was elected President; J. D. Tripp, Vice President; A. E. Jenner, Secretary, and G. W. Downs,

Treasurer; and at a meeting in June of the same year, G. W. Downs moved 'that we deem it expedient to change our fair grounds,' and steps were taken for the purchase of the grounds at present occupied by the society. These grounds were purchased of J. R. Williams for \$1,200, the society paying him \$675, the cash received from A. C. Fuller for the old grounds, and giving notes for the balance. Steps were at once taken for the removal of buildings, etc., to the new grounds, and the fair of 1867 was held in their new home.

"The fair held on the new grounds in 1867 was probably not very profitable, for a motion was passed authorizing the treasurer and secretary to borrow money on the best terms they could to pay the indebtedness of the society. The officers of the society for the past ten years have been as follows:

"1868, D. W. Gates, Pres.; Geo. Sands, Vice Pres.; A. E. Jenner, Sec. and Treas. 1869, D. W. Gates, Pres.; Geo. Leeds, Vice Pres.; A. E. Jenner, Sec. and Treas. 1870, A. C. Fuller, Pres.; L. W. Lawrence, Vice Pres.; L. O. Gilman, Sec.; G. N. Woodard, Treas. 1871, same with the exception of A. E. Jenner as Sec. 1872, John J. Rouse, Pres.; Amzi Abbe, Vice Pres.; A. E. Jenner, Sec.; C. E. Loop, Treas. 1873, John J. Rouse, Pres.; Luke Teepie, Vice Pres.; A. E. Jenner, Sec.; C. E. Loop, Treas. 1874, Luke Teepie, Pres.; D. R. Andrews, Vice Pres.; A. E. Jenner, Sec.; W. S. Jones, Treas. 1875, Ezra May, Pres.; D. R. Andrews, Vice Pres.; A. E. Jenner, Sec.; W. S. Jones, Treas. 1876, Ezra May, Pres.; D. R. Andrews, Vice Pres.; A. E. Jenner, Sec.; C. E. Loop, Treas. 1877, Richard Barnes, Pres.; John Hannah, Vice Pres.; A. E. Jenner, Sec. and Treas.

"Shortly after the Society moved into its new grounds it began to be bothered by debts, principally contracted by the expense of the change and the cost of new buildings. In 1867, this debt amounted to \$2,490 and interest, while at the same time the amount expended on the grounds, buildings, etc., aggregated \$3,740.16. In this year we find that a new departure was had in that the Treasurer was required to give bonds. Dr. G. N. Woodard was at that time Treasurer, and his bond was for \$1,000, signed by P. J. Garcelon, E. R. Bishop, Ira Wilson and O. H. Wright, as sureties. This is the only bond that the records show as having ever been given by a Treasurer of the Society. In 1871, after the fair, the receipts and cash were not so large as was desirable by the friends of the Society, and the debts were pressing. While things were in this condition, at a meeting held in November, 1871, the proper officers of the Society were authorized and instructed to execute a mortgage on the property of the Society to secure certain indebtedness of the Society, said mortgage to run two years from December, 1871.

"On December 9th, of the same year, at a meeting of the Society, it was resolved to amend the Constitution so as to make the Society a joint stock company with a capital of \$5,000, in shares of \$10 each, the change to take effect as soon as 100 shares of stock should be subscribed, when a transfer of the property should be made to the stockholders of the joint stock company. Shortly afterwards a Constitution was adopted, and since that time the Boone County fairs have been run by the joint stock company, and we believe we are justified in saying that each year the fairs have been better and the people have become more and more interested in them until the present time. Finally, in 1876, a strong effort was made by the

would pay interest on the amount of stock so taken. The mortgages were payable in ten years.

Another contemplated road—the Racine, Jonesville & Mississippi—pursued a like course in soliciting and obtaining stock subscriptions, except as to the guaranty. Quite a number were inveigled into the scheme, and mortgaged their lands for large sums. A few of these mortgages were compromised, but the larger proportion of the mortgagors filed bills in chancery, and on hearing they were cancelled by decree of court.

A number of the mortgages given in aid of the Kenosha & Rockford division were for small amounts—some of them for sums not exceeding one hundred dollars. The smaller mortgages were paid in full, and the larger ones compromised, and there is now no individual railroad indebtedness in the county.

The Galena Division of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad enters the county near the northeast corner of section thirty-six, in Boone Township, and runs nearly due west to a point near the northwest corner of section thirty-two, when it bears to the northwest, leaving Boone Township at the northwest corner of section thirty, and enters the town of Belvidere near the center of section twenty-five. From Belvidere it bears to the southwest, and leaves Boone County at the southwest corner of section thirty-one in Belvidere township. This road was completed to Belvidere in December, 1852.

The Madison Branch (originally known as the Beloit Branch) of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, after leaving Belvidere, bears a little to the west of north, passing through sections twenty-three, fourteen, eleven, and two, in Belvidere Township, enters Caledonia Township on the south, west quarter of section thirty-five, passes up through section twenty-seven, and at the southwest corner of section twenty-two bears directly to the northwest, and passing through sections twenty-one (just touching the southwest corner of section sixteen), seventeen, and seven, leaves the county at the northwest corner of section seven. Caledonia, an important point for the shipment of grain, etc., is a station on this road. It was completed in 1853.

The Kenosha Division of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, running from Kenosha to Rockford, enters Boone Township at the southeast corner of section one, soon after which it turns directly southwest, passing through Capron in the northwest corner of section eleven, thence into and through sections ten and sixteen and to near the center of section twenty, when it diverges a little to the north through section nineteen, entering Caledonia Township at Poplar Grove on the northeast quarter of section twenty-four in that township, thence through section twenty-three to the northeast corner thereof, when it bears to the southwest, crossing the Madison Division at Caledonia Junction, on section twenty-one; thence again northwest to a point a little north of the center of section twenty; thence southwest and through section nineteen, leaving the county at the village of Argyle, a Scotch hamlet named after Argyle of Scotland.

The main line of the Chicago & Northwestern also passes through the extreme northeastern part of LeRoy Township, crossing only a few rods of section one.

The total number of miles of railroad in the county is returned at 40 miles and 3,463 feet; the assessed valuation for 1876 at \$218,934.

members of the Society to clear their indebtedness, and for that purpose stock was increased and sold up to 600 shares, and with the money thus raised the entire indebtedness was paid. Thus, at the present time, the Society, after an existence of over twenty years, is in better condition than ever before. It has fair grounds on which are first-class buildings and improvements, it has the confidence and regard of the people of the county, and is free from debt.

At the last annual election for officers, held on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 1877, the following named gentlemen were chosen:

Presidents—Richard Barnes, Belvidere; Vice President, John Hannah, Belvidere; Secretary, Asher E. Jenner, Belvidere; Treasurer, C. H. Peck, Belvidere.

Directors—A. O. Witbeck, Flora Township; Luke Teepie, George Reed, John Moore, Caledonia; Arthur P. Daniels, Manchester; George Reed, Spring; Joel E. Cronk, Boone; George Sands, Boone; Silas DeMunn, Le Roy; E. T. Bellmeyer, Cherry Valley; H. P. Kimball, Rockford; W. O. Vandereok, Guilford; A. T. Ames, Marshall.

This thirtieth annual gathering of the farmers' stock growers, mechanics and artisans of Boone County was largely attended, and the display of farm and pasture products, machinery, etc., exceedingly creditable. Nor were evidences of woman's handiwork wanting. In this department the display was surprisingly fine. The Secretary's books show that there were 1,748 entries; premiums awarded, \$1,291.50; special premiums, \$100. The annual address was delivered by Hon. S. A. Hurlbut, and was listened to with marked attention. The Society is now said to be in better condition, financially, than it has ever been, and it is to be hoped that its success and prosperity will grow with its years. The grounds are situated about one mile and a half due west of the Court House, a part of them beautifully shaded, the grove occupying an elevated plateau of table land. The judges stand and a portion of the driveway are situated in a kind of basin that is overlooked from the grove in the northwest corner of the grounds. The open space immediately below the grove (or the most of it) remains in the condition in which it was left by the Pottawatomie Indians. The ridges and hills they had thrown up for cultivation are sodded over, but easily traced. The grazing places of their ponies are now included as a show ground and trial track for cattle and horses of finest blood. The shady grove in which their "braves" were wont to "sleep the hours away" after a return from the hunt or the war, and where the squaws, maidens and papooses would beset themselves to avoid the beating rays of the midsummer's sun, the former to pursue the work of beading moccasins and other Indian gear, is now filled with halls for the display of the finer mechanism of their pale-faced brothers, and the still finer handiwork of their pale-faced sisters. What a change less than half a century has wrought!

RAILROADS.

Although Boone County is traversed by three lines of railroads, the people of the county never voted a single dollar in bonds or money in aid of their construction. When the Rockford & Kenosha Road was in contemplation some of the farmers in the vicinity of its contemplated line were prevailed upon to take stock, for which they gave mortgages on their farms and lands, with the guaranty from the company that the company

GRAIN ELEVATORS.

There are two grain elevators in successful operation. The stone elevator was erected in 1851, by W. H. Gillman, Sr., at a cost of \$10,000. Some years later it passed into the ownership of D. W. Reed and Deacon Congdon, who converted it into a flouring mill. As such it continued to be used until about 1860 or 1861, when M. G. Leonard, the present owner, became proprietor, by purchase. The mill machinery was taken out and the building returned to its original use as an elevator. It has a capacity of 60,000 bushels.

The Harper elevator, a wooden structure, was built in 1865, by George H. Harper. It is now operated by H. Whitehead.

The following is a monthly statement of the shipments by the car load of grain and stock from Belvidere for the year ending December 31, 1876. This is not up to the usual average of shipments. During that year the crops were light. In 1875 the business was large, and it is estimated that for the current year (1877) the business will be at least one-third larger:

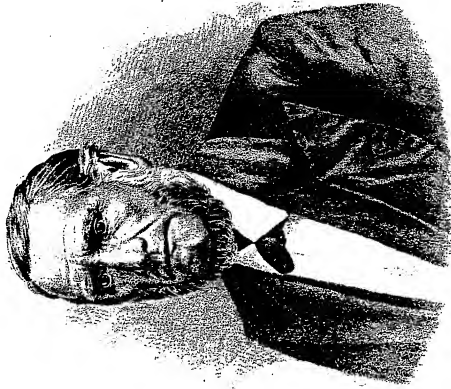
	Grain.	Stock.	Grain.	Stock.
January.....	38	18	July.....	31
February.....	57	17	August.....	42
March.....	23	12	September.....	71
April.....	22	10	October.....	68
May.....	86	17	November.....	46
June.....	67	7	December.....	52
Total.....	Grand Total.....	702	603	189

In the month of December, 1876, 61,980 pounds of poultry were shipped.

Butter is becoming quite an item in the commercial transactions of the county, and up to the 14th of September, 1877, a little over 60,000 pounds have been shipped—the largest part of it finding its way directly to the eastern markets. In addition, there are two butter factories that are holding their productions for an advance in prices.

COUNTY SCHOOLS.

Perhaps no interests of Boone County have been so carefully guarded and fostered as the educational. The care exercised by the early authorities in guarding the school lands—section sixteen in each township—was significant of a determination to maintain them intact for the purposes for which they had been set apart. The policy marked out by the first Board of County Commissioners for the preservation of these lands seems to have been strictly and rigidly adhered to by their successors until the lands were fully and completely disposed of, and the proceeds properly applied. Such care was not without its legitimate fruits. The last report of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction shows that the county has a township fund derived from this source of \$14,288.00; of this amount, \$13,491.17 is loaned, \$11,458.74 on personal security, and \$2,032.43 on real estate security. The principal of this sum was derived from the sale of township lands, and is a perpetual school fund, the principal or interest of which cannot be diverted to any other purpose. And no sane man would ever wish to appropriate it to any other use.



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BELVIDERE.

We extract the following statistics from the report of the State Superintendent for the school year ending September 30, 1876:

Total receipts during the year, \$42,196.14; total expenditures, \$32,944.32; balance on hand, \$9,251.92; total of expenditures and balance, \$42,196.14; estimated value of school houses and grounds, \$75,250.00; estimated value of school apparatus, \$894.40; estimated value of school libraries, \$231.40; number of volumes in libraries, 409; number of school houses, 74; number of males under 21 years of age, 2,364; females under 21 years of age, 2,673; whole number under 21 years of age, 5,037; males between the ages of 6 and 21, 2,042; females between the ages of 6 and 21, 1,517; whole number between 6 and 21 years of age, 3,559; number of school districts, 80; number of districts having school five months or more, 77; whole number of free public schools, 72; average number of months school sustained, 7.4; only three districts had school less than five months; the whole number of months during which school was sustained, 523, equal to 43 years and 7 months; there were enrolled for that year, 1,730 males, and 1,651 females; total, 3,381; 54 male and 123 female teachers were employed, making a total of 177 teachers employed during 1876; there are five graded schools, two public high schools, and two private schools; eight of the school houses are built of stone, six of brick, and 60 are frame; two were built during the year; the highest monthly wages paid male teachers was \$192.22; the lowest, \$25.00; highest monthly wages paid to female teachers, \$44.00; lowest, \$15.00; average monthly wages paid male teachers, \$16.22, female teachers, \$28.35. Twelve examinations were held during the year and 178 applicants examined; 18 first grade and 114 second grade certificates were granted; 11 male and 35 female applicants were rejected; total rejections, 46. During the year, the Superintendent spent 38 days in visiting schools, 50 days in examinations, 20 in institute work, and 30 days in other official duties, making 138 days spent in a directly official capacity.

In November, 1873, ten ladies were elected County Superintendents of schools. Mrs. Mary E. Cray was elected in this county, December 28-9, 1874. A meeting of the State Association of County Superintendents of schools was held in Chicago. Five of these lady superintendents had been appointed to read papers and lead in the discussions. The appointments were: Mrs. Sarah McIntosh, of Will County; Miss Mary Allen West, of Knox County; Miss Mary W. Whiteside, of Peoria County; Mrs. Mary E. Cray, of Boone County; and Mrs. Mary S. Carpenter, of Winnebago County. The executive committee of the association had selected a list of topics for the consideration of the Chicago meeting. In his report for 1873-4, the State Superintendent said: "Mrs. Mary E. Cray, of Boone County, in answer to the question, 'Ought certificates to be renewed without examination?' gave a decided negative, based upon the following reasons: Frequent examinations are a great help to the teachers, spurring them on to higher attainments, getting them out of the ruts of mechanical study and teaching, and raising their salaries by cutting off the supply of poor, cheap teachers." In the same report, State Superintendent Eiler said of these lady superintendents: "Their excellent official record in this office warrants the belief that they acquitted themselves (in the Chicago meeting) with credit." These references are simply placed on record here as being pertinent to the "FEMININE" part of our work, for these reasons: first, the election of lady superintendents was an experiment; and second, because one of them, Mrs. Cray, was elected in Boone County.

One of the ten lady superintendents of schools, a resident of the county, and her official record a part of the history of the *PARAGRAPHER*, a brief personal biography of Mrs. Mary E. Cray will not be out of place in these pages.

Mrs. Cray was born in New York, in 1846. When ten years of age, her parents came West, and after a few years of study in different schools of Kansas and Missouri, she entered Lawrence University, at Appleton, Wisconsin, but was called home by the death of her mother. After that bereavement, she entered the Rockford Seminary, from which she graduated with honor. She then took a course of study in Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York. After a few years of successful teaching, she was married, and settled down in Belvidere, still continuing to teach, however, in both the High Schools. In the fall of 1873, her name was proposed as a candidate for the school superintendency, to which office she was elected. Her official record is good. Her reports to the State Superintendent are highly commended by that officer, while at home her official character, industry, and interest in the schools is universally praised. As a teacher she attained an exalted reputation. She possesses an excellent education—nothing of the superficial order—but thorough and comprehensive. She is a woman of indomitable energy and industry, and as an educator she ranks among the foremost in the state.

BELVIDERE.

As stated elsewhere in the progress of this writing, Oliver Robbins and brothers made the first claim in Boone County. That claim covered the grounds now occupied in part by North Belvidere, and was divided by the Kishwaukee River, and must have been made early in the summer of 1835. This is only presumption, however, based upon subsequent events. In June of that year, the claim was found occupied by Archibald Metcalf and David Dunham, so that the Robbins Bros. either sold their claim to Messrs. Metcalf and Dunham, or abandoned it, when the latter "jumped" it.

About the 4th of June, 1835, John K. Towner, wife and eight children, with their worldly goods packed in a wagon, made expressly for the occasion, turned their backs upon the village of Avoca, in the town of Bath, County of Steuben, N. Y., to find a new home in Michigan. It had been Mrs. Towner's purpose to make the trip alone—to go and spy out a new home in Michigan, and then return for his family; but to this proposition Mrs. T. would not consent, and bidding relatives and friends "good-by," they started on their journey, passing through Canada, and entering Michigan at Detroit. Near Detroit they stopped with a sister of Mrs. Towner's mother (a Mrs. Mathews) until Mrs. Towner could rest up, her health being poor, and to allow Mr. Towner time to select a location for a future home. Not finding the situation and surroundings in that State to his liking, and hearing a good deal of Chicago, Mr. Towner left his wife and children among her friends, and started *en route* the lake, for that city. On the way across the lake he was overtaken by sickness, and was compelled to lay up for a few days at the old Tremont House, for treatment and rest. While thus housed up it happened that two citizens of Kennedyville, Steuben County, N. Y., and acquaintances of his, were stopping at the same

hotel, and hearing the name of their old New York friend and neighbor mentioned, they sought his room, to renew on the banks of Lake Michigan the acquaintanceship commenced in New York in their boyhood days. These men were Cornelius Cline and Festus A. Nixon—men whose names have already become known to those who have followed the pages of this book.

Mr. Towner was not satisfied with the outlook of Chicago as presented at that date, and was free to express his dislike to his friends. The Rock River country at that time was a great center of attraction among people hunting new homes, and its natural beauty and wealth of soil was highly praised, and Mr. Towner determined to visit that new El Dorado. Always a man of influence and a leader among his associates in his native State, Messrs. Cline and Nixon needed no persuasion to be induced to accompany him. As soon as able to travel, the trio started on foot for Rockford, following the trail made only a few years before by the army of General Winfield Scott, in his campaign against the hostile Blackhawk Indians. When Messrs. Towner, Cline and Nixon arrived at the Kishwaukee, they found Metcalf and Dunham encamped in a small shanty on the claim already described. This was in June—the month of roses. The landscape was covered with myriads of flowers, and the great natural beauty of the surroundings enlisted the admiration of Mr. Towner. Tradition relates that when the Indians first entered upon and beheld the flower-bedecked landscape of one of the Southern States, they exclaimed: "Alabama!" which being interpreted means, "Here we rest." The same sentiment seems to have filled the soul of Mr. Towner, for after a night's rest and a general survey of the beautiful landscape surrounding, examining the rich soil, etc., etc., he said to his companions: "Others, expecting to find a paradise on Rock River, may go there; as for me, I go no further." His decision was the decision of his friends, and here they rested.

His decision rendered, he purchased a part of the claim held by Messrs. Metcalf and Dunham that included some timber, and took an additional claim that covered both sides of the river, a little below the present residence of Mr. Andrew F. Moss. He arranged with Mr. Cline for the erection of a log cabin, and started back for his family, walking to Chicago, and thence by lake vessel to Detroit, arriving home with his family just four weeks from the time he left them. After a day or two of rest, their goods were re-packed and re-loaded, and the journey for the Kishwaukee country commenced. Coming by way of Chicago, Mr. Towner there bought four pairs of oxen and an old-fashioned Pennsylvania wagon, for those days called "Prairie Schooners." Laying in a small supply of provisions, such as flour, bacon, etc., and his wife taking charge of the horse team that had hauled them from New York, through Canada and Michigan to Chicago, the last end of their journey to find a new earthly habitation was commenced. At midnight of the last day of July, 1835, Mrs. Towner, with the younger children and her "carriage," arrived on the south bank of the Kishwaukee, at a point nearly opposite the present site of the Baltic (Marty's) mills, and went into camp. The next morning, up betimes, she saw the sun arise in glory and splendor, and cast his genial rays over the ground now occupied by Belvidere—until then the favorite resort of the Pottawatomies, their conical grounds, as well as a burial place for the dead.

Some years ago a large number of Indian skeletons were unearthed along the bank on the north side of the Kishwaukee, a little below the State street bridge, of which more may be said in the course of this volume.

The erection of the houses contracted for by Mr. Townsend on his previous visit, had not been completed, having only been raised four "rounds"—that is, four logs high on each side, and until it was completed, the family made the best possible shift. They moved into Metcalf and Dunham's shanty, where they remained until Mr. Cline completed his cabin. The Townsers then moved into that and remained there while Cline went East and returned with his own family. Soon after their own house was finished into which they moved. While the Townsers were occupying the Metcalf and Dunham shanty, Simon P. Doty and Dr. D. H. Whitney put in an appearance at their door, and claimed their hospitality, which was granted, as in those days no door was closed against the wayfarers on the wide, sparsely settled prairies. This fact fixes the date of the arrival of Messrs. Doty and Whitney at from the fifth to the tenth days of August, 1835, and not the first of that month, as we have previously stated, a discrepancy, however, of minor importance. This chain of evidence establishes beyond all doubt, if indeed, any doubt ever existed, that Archibald Metcalf, David Dunham, John K. Towner and family, Cornelius Cline, Erasmus A. Nixon, Simon P. Doty and Dr. D. H. Whitney were the pioneer settlers of Boone County, and that Mrs. Towner was the first white woman whose feet pressed the green carpet spread by nature upon these beautiful "Elysian Fields."

Later in the month of August, Ebenezer Peck and Dr. Goodhue came here, and like all who had preceded them, were delighted with the situation and the country, and while not seeking a place for new homes, they determined to secure an interest in what they foresaw must become valuable property and a site for a thriving town. In connection with Dr. D. H. Whitney, they purchased the claims of Messrs. Dunham and Metcalf, which embraced most of the lands occupied by the north part of the Belvidere Company, subsequently organized for the purpose of increasing the capital to the convenience and accommodation of immigrants with the beauty of his arrival in August, Dr. Whitney was so enraptured with the beauty of the landscape, that in his enthusiasm, he named the place "Elysian Fields." When the Metcalf and Dunham claims were purchased, the name was changed to Belvidere, in honor of Mr. Peck's native place, Belvidere, Canada. In September, Deacon Nathaniel Crosby, then of Fredonia, New York, visited the settlement and purchased an interest in these claims, and returned East to make arrangements for building a mill at Belvidere the next year. "About this time," says Dr. Whitney, in a series of letters published in the Belvidere papers, the company bought the claims of Messrs. Payne and Wheelley, two Hoosiers of the claim-making persuasion, who resided on Fox River. They had cut logs for a cabin, and Dr. Whitney had them hauled up on the site intended for the town plot, where he used them for the erection of a double log house, which was the first building in Belvidere that could be dignified by the name of a house. It was christened the Belvidere House, and Simon P. Doty installed as landlord. Mr. Doty continued in the management of this boarding until the fall of 1836, when he moved into his own house, the first framed building erected in Boone County. The frame buildings of those days were sided or clap-

*Mr. Towner is of the opinion that the wife of a chief of the Potawatomies, whom she found lying on a white woman, but was so painted as to conceal her identity. put of this more under the caption of *POTAWATOMI AND PRAIRIE RECOLLECTIONS*.

boarded and shingled with oak lumber made by hand. An oak tree of suitable size would be selected cut down, and saved into "cuts," of the desired length. These "cuts" were split into "bolts," and the bolts reduced by splitting with a froe as nearly the required thickness as possible, after which they were dressed down with a drawing knife, when they were ready for use.

"The Belvidere hotel was the only first-class hotel in the city," and as its landlord knew how to "keep hotel," and was withal a popular gentleman and an unadulterated Whig, it was a place of popular resort, and besides serving as a hotel, it was used as a place for holding public meetings.

"In the latter part of October, 1835, the Marshal for LaSalle county, for taking the census, came to number the people of Belvidere, and the entire population was returned at thirty-seven men, women and children."

Early in 1836, Nathaniel Crosby returned from New York. The claims were divided into ten shares, representing one thousand dollars each. The shares were all taken, and Messrs. John S. King, Jacob Whitman, Josiah C. Goodhue, Henry P. Doty, Frederick W. Crosby, John P. Chapman, Joel Parker and Henry L. Crosby admitted to equal interests in the Belvidere Company. Nathaniel Crosby became the general business manager in the building of the mills, etc.

The Belvidere Company was thus fully organized, and the work of building the mills at once commenced. All the lumber used in the erection of the sawmill was made by hand from the trees of the forest near by, by cutting, sawing, splitting and shaving, as described in a previous paragraph. Among those who were employed in building this sawmill, and who have remained permanently in the county, are Andrew F. Moss and Edward E. Moss, who have become prosperous farmers. Andrew F. Moss occupies a farm made on the land he pre-empted and bought of the government, in 1839, and upon which no debt or mortgage has ever been contracted.

The mill was completed and set in operation in the fall of that year. Its gearing, machinery, etc. were a great curiosity to the Indians remaining here, as well as a great convenience, benefit and accommodation to immigrants and to settlers, and white settlers had been steadily coming in.

While the sawmill was building, timber for the gristmill was being prepared, and by the time the former was finished, the latter was ready for sawed material for its completion. Rev. Dr. John S. King and Nathaniel Crosby jointly superintended the building of this mill, and for many years after its completion settlers came from many miles distant with their corn or wheat to be ground. Sometimes there would be from twenty to forty teams around the mill at one time, each owner awaiting his turn. The later comers would sometimes be compelled to wait a day or two for their grinding, but, as they had come prepared to "stay all night," they would camp around and patiently bide their time. That old mill was succeeded by the present Baltic Mills of Jas. B. Marlyn.

The completion of these mills gave a fresh and vigorous impetus to immigration, and the sawmill had all it could do to keep up with the demands for timber. About the time the building of this mill was undertaken, Col. Mahlon Sayers had commenced the erection of another one, at a point about five miles below Belvidere, at a place then known as Newburg. For a time it was "nip and tuck" as to which of these undertakings would be completed first. Col. Sayers, the proprietor of Newburg, was a rival of

the Belvidere company, and was seeking to make his place the leading town in the county. When the State road between Chicago and Galena came to be located, in June, 1836, there was a lively contest between Newburg and Belvidere—Doty representing Belvidere, and Col. Saver fighting for Newburg. But Doty was the stronger man of the two and spared no effort to have Belvidere made a point on the road, and was successful; the Newburg enterprise was abandoned, and Belvidere leaped into new life.

The commissioners to locate that road were Messrs. James Harrington and Mark Daniels, of Kane County, and John Phelps, of Ogle County. Their coming was looked for with interest. Claims along the line of that road would be valuable, and claim hunters went out to meet them and make their selections, and some amusing incidents are related of the eagerness amounting almost to greediness; of some of these parties—incidents which we may hereafter relate. That road established, it became the stage road between Chicago and Galena. The travel was heavy in those days. In the summer and fall, four-horse coaches were employed, and in the winter four-horse sleighs. (In December, 1836, a post-office was established at Belvidere, being the first on the northern route between Chicago and Galena.) S. S. Whitman was appointed postmaster. "He held the office about six years," says Dr. Whitney, in his reminiscences of Boone County, "when, without a hearing, he was accused, tried and convicted of being an honest, upright and faithful public servant, and a Whig, when off went his head."

In the fall of 1836, Messrs. S. P. Doty and Deacon Crosby established the corners of State and Mechanic streets, with an old iron, carpenter's square. State street was named from the State road, bearing a little west of north. Mechanic street was so named because the Belvidere company, in order to encourage immigration, had resolved to donate building lots to mechanics who would improve and reside upon them. The first buildings erected on these corners were: Simon P. Doty built a frame house on the corner now occupied by Williams' drug store, which was the Belvidere House, of which we have already spoken. The next house was commenced by Matt. Malony, on the corner now occupied by the Greenlee Brothers as a hardware store. That building was a two-story frame, 24x40 feet. When framed, raised and covered, further work was abandoned until 1839, when H. C. Walker took it in hand and completed it, and occupied it as a dry goods store. For a long while the upper story was used by the Presbyterians people as a house of worship, further mention of which will be made in another place. The next corner to be occupied was the one now occupied by the large grocery house of E. W. Case. A frame building had been erected in the fall of 1837 near the present residence of Cephas Gardner, Esq., and an effort made to start the town up there, but Doty objected, and putting in a strong ear, he foiled that scheme, and the building was moved down to the corner just named, and occupied by Charles Goodhue as a dry goods house. He was soon after succeeded by Alexander Neely. The erection of another building was commenced on the remaining corner, now occupied by Jones' boot and shoe and clothing house. The building was abandoned, however, and the structure, as far as it had progressed, torn down and removed to another place. When the lands came into market, (1839) the southeast quarter of section twenty-six, where Belvidere had been commenced, was bought in by Col. Joel Walker. Soon after, a division of the lands among interested parties was decided upon, and titles confirmed by quit claim deeds from Mr. Walker. In that division of prop-

erty, the last corner spoken of fell to Mr. Doty, who subsequently decided it to McKnight, who erected thereon the present brick building, which was the first brick house built in Belvidere. Doty soon after built a brick addition to his Belvidere House, on the Williams drug store corner, which was afterwards destroyed by fire. These were the business houses of Belvidere from 1836 to 1840. Of course there were a few residence houses, but until the year of the "Log Cabin and Hard Cider" campaign (1840), the growth of Belvidere was slow. After that year, improvements commenced to be made, and in 1877 the population is estimated at 4,000, with business houses that reach into the hundreds, that in character and magnitude will compare with those of any town in the State. The town has extended across the river, and covers an area of at least four miles square. The streets are wide, smooth and handsomely shaded. The residence houses are neat, tasty and attractive in their outward finish, befitting the thrift, comfort and refinement within. Churches, school-houses, banks and all the other attendants of more advanced life have followed, until the "Elysian Fields" of nature—the home of the Indians forty-two years ago—has become a delightful and attractive place for homes in 1877.

When the county seat was located on the northeast corner of section twenty-six, railroads did not enter into consideration, and had any one been bold enough to predict that in less than a quarter of a century such an enterprise would not only be undertaken, but completed, and the time occupied in making a trip from Belvidere to Chicago reduced from six days to as many hours, the prediction would have been scouted, and the seer pronounced an idiot or lunatic. Had he predicted that in the same time railroads and telegraph lines would traverse almost every township in the county, he would have been either laughed out of the county or sent to some charitable institution as incompetent to take care of himself. But they are accomplished realities, and the whistling of locomotives and the rumbling of long-trains of cars are heard almost hourly in each of the eight townships. And the man who would express the determination to travel back to New York in a wagon drawn by horses, as John K. Towner and family traveled from that State to the Kishwaukee country in 1835, would be scouted as badly as one would have been at that date to predict the railroad and telegraph realities of the present. Forty-two years have marked wonderful changes. The next forty-two will mark still greater ones.

Previous to the building and completion of the railroad from Chicago to Rockford, the growth of Belvidere had been confined to the north side of the Kishwaukee, as contemplated when the county seat was located on the mound. When this line of that road was established, however, about one-half mile south of the river, building commenced on that side, the result of which was to transfer the bulk of the business to the near vicinity of the road, and the consequent following of residences; churches and school houses, and it is now conceded that the population is about equally divided by the Kishwaukee. The river is spanned by a magnificent wrought iron bridge, by which State street connects North and South Belvidere, and almost as level as a floor, (except the easy descent on either side of the river) affords a magnificent drive-way.

Belvidere was incorporated under the general laws of the State in 1847, but only remained under such government about one year, when, the management not proving satisfactory to the people, they voted the corporation down. Until 1857 there was no town or village government, but about

that time the citizens applied for and were granted a special charter. The Act granting the charter was approved February 5, 1867. The Act provided that the inhabitants of the town of Belvidere, in Boone County, should be constituted a body politic and corporate, to be known by the name of the "President and Trustees of the Town of Belvidere," and that the name should be known to law, etc. The Act further provided that all that district of country contained in and known as all of section twenty-six and the west half of section twenty-five, in township number forty-four, north of range three east, in Boone county, and also all additions of lots, blocks and out-blocks to said town, which had been laid out and recorded in the recorder's office of Boone County should be recognized as forming the corporation, with the proviso that the board of trustees might extend the limits of the corporation not to exceed two miles square of land. The first Monday in every month was fixed as the regular time for the meeting of the board of trustees, providing also for the holding of adjourned and special meetings, and that the first election of trustees should be held at the court-house, and be conducted in the same manner as other elections are held. The board of trustees consisted of five members, from one of which number a president is elected, who by virtue of the charter is *ex-officio* a member of the Board of Supervisors. The charter provided that the first election should be held on the second Monday in March, 1867, and annually thereafter on the first Monday in March in each and every year.

At the first election for trustees, John K. Towner, Israel Tripp, D. W. Read, Cephas Gardner and Warren Pierce were elected. Their first meeting was held at the office of Messrs. Fuller & Wood, on the evening of March 10, 1867. The certificate of the judges of election showed that John K. Turner had received 209 votes; Cephas Gardner, 213 votes; Israel Tripp, 213 votes; Warren Pierce, 213 votes; David W. Read, 203 votes. Warren Pierce was chosen as president of the board, Asher E. Jenner, clerk, Mark Ramsey, treasurer, and William Haywood, assessor.

Twenty years have come and gone since the date of the election of the first board of trustees. As many changes have taken place in the selection of town officials, but the line of policy marked out by the charter and inaugurated by the first board, has been carefully and jealously followed. The finances have been economically managed, and the morals of the town jealously guarded. No debts were ever contracted that the corporation had not the ability to meet. Streets were improved, sewerage provided, sidewalks built as fast as the growth of the town demanded, the result of which was that in all these things Belvidere presents as cleanly, neat, tidy and healthy appearance as any other town of the same population in the State. Practically speaking, it has been maintained as a temperance community. Occasionally a contest as between the temperance and anti-temperance elements has sprung up, but the former have always managed to hold the balance of power within their own control. As a consequence no criminal cases, growing out of drunken brawls, have ever found their way into the courts. Sometimes the municipal regulations touching the traffic in spirituous liquors have been violated, but the violators were as promptly arrested and the evils abated. All the adjuncts of good morals have been zealously and carefully fostered and guarded. Good schools have been maintained from the earliest days of Belvidere to the present. Churches have increased with the increase of population, until the primitive building erected by the Baptist people for a house of worship, and which, in its time

served as school house, court room, public hall, etc., is now succeeded by twelve* church buildings, some of which are structures that would do credit to any metropolitan congregation. Besides the congregations represented by these church edifices, there are two religious societies without any house of worship of their own. But all of these will be mentioned more at length under proper divisions. Public halls have also been built as the town has grown in population and importance, until there are now two of most ample capacity for present or future demands. These, likewise, will be more specifically noticed in another place. These notes in general upon the origin and growth of Belvidere, and we notice as next in order the

EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS.

The first schools taught were private or family schools. When these valleys began to fill up the free school system had not become general even in the older States. And if it had prevailed throughout the country, there were no sources here from which to derive revenue for their support.

Among the early teachers was Miss Harriet King, daughter of Rev. Dr. John S. King. Another of the pioneer teachers was Miss Rebecca Loop, a sister to Mrs. John K. Towner, who taught a school in the winter of 1836-7 at the Towner family residence on the south side of the Kishwaukee. These, according to our best sources of information, were the first schools taught in what is now Boone County. In the years in which they were taught, the settlements were sparse, that at Belvidere being the largest in the county, and consequently better able to support a school.

In 1836 or '37 a joint stock company was formed for the purpose of building and maintaining an academy to be known as the Newton Academy. March 4, 1838, an instrument of writing issued from Boone County by Dr. Whitney, commissioner of the county, conveying to John S. King, William Wagman, A. D. Bishop, William Dresser and F. W. Crosby, trustees of the Newton Academy, and their successors in office for the use of the academy, a certain tract of land described as block 20, in the original town of Belvidere. This tract of ground cornered with the southeast corner of the public or court-house square, and is now occupied by the handsome residence of H. C. DeMunn, Esq. The academy building was commenced and so far completed as to be tenable and Prof. S. S. Whitman taught a school therein. He was succeeded by another teacher, says Mrs. Towner, whose name is forgotten. In August, 1843, the academy, grounds, franchises, etc., passed out of the ownership of the association, and became the property of John Walworth, in trust, to be used by him for educational purposes and none other. In the same month, Walworth conveyed the premises to Arthur E. Fuller, subject to all the conditions named in the conveyance to Walworth. Fuller, after coming into possession of the academy, was succeeded by the following teachers:

*Michael, 2; Buel, 2; Packard, 1; German, Evangelical Lutheran, 1; Free Methodist, 1; Catholic, 1; Episcopal, 1; Universalist, 1; Christian, 1; German Evangelical Association, 1.—12. Two of these, the Episcopal and Christian Churches, are without pastors and have no regular services.

The Arthur Fuller here spoken of was a brother to Miss Margaret Fuller, a noted woman of Boston. She came here in person and brought the property for her brother and had it deeded to him. Subsequently she visited the European continent, became acquainted with and married an Italian nobleman, Count Dr. Ossola. At a later period herself, husband and child made a visit to her friends in the *Zoar* colony, on the return voyage, were lost off Long Island.

the property, occupied it as teacher for about two years, when he conveyed it to John K. Towner and Eben Conant, subject to the same conditions. A son of Conant was a Unitarian minister, and employed the academy as a school room and house of worship, but his doctrines not proving satisfactory to the representatives of the other churches, neither his school nor church aspirations succeeded very well, and in January, 1832, Towner and Conant conveyed the property to Rev. Charles Hill, a Baptist minister. Up to the time of Hill's purchase the building had been used for educational purposes, and consequently was the first school-house (the old Baptist church excepted) in Belvidere. After his purchase, Hill removed the building and occupied it as a residence until 1862, when he renovated it and built a new house on the ground it had occupied, using the old academy building as a barn. In March, 1863, Hill conveyed the premises to Henry D. W. Kendall; in March, 1868, Waterman conveyed it to Enoch Kendall, and in July, 1869, Kendall conveyed it to H. C. DeMunn. The present owner and occupant. And this was the Newton Academy, grounds, franchises, etc., disposed of. The old academy building is still used as a barn by DeMunn, who says he owes much of his greatness and learning to his living so long on such classical ground, around which cluster the memories of so many learned men and educators, and to which he has given the name of "Pietie Hill."

In October, 1845, D. B. Pettit commenced a select school with eighty-six scholars, in the old Baptist church, of which we have repeatedly spoken. He continued this school for six months, when he went East, remained absent a few months, and, returning, resumed teaching. During Mr. Pettit's absence, his school was continued by Jeremiah Phillips, who came here in February, 1846, to visit a sister, and while making this visit engaged in teaching penmanship. After Pettit's return, he and Mr. Phillips were engaged in teaching for six years, occupying rooms wherever they could be obtained, sometimes in the court-house and sometimes in second stories of business houses; a part of the time occupying the old academy.

About this time (1849) the lands had become taxable, and the people forethoughtful enough to maintain public schools, and to build school-houses. In town and country the good work was prosecuted. About 1854 the stone part of the public school building in the Court-house square was undertaken, and when completed was the most pretentious school building in the county. In 1857-8 a brick addition was built, affording accommodations for 400 scholars. This building cost about \$8,000. Since then the increase of population on the South side demanded the erection of school buildings over there. Besides a large brick and stone house, with accommodations for 400 scholars, two other buildings (frame) are occupied.

The present principal of the North Belvidere school is Henry J. Sherill, formerly of Madison county, New York. He has occupied this position about eleven years in succession. As an educator, he has but few, if any, superiors in the Northwest. His discipline is thorough, and his system of teaching as nearly perfect as is generally acquired. Scholars have gone from this school to *graduates* in others with high sounding names, and after an absence of some months have returned to find themselves far behind the classes they left. He is ably assisted by the following corps of teachers: Blanche Soule, assistant in High School department; Prudie May, grammar department; Hattie Clark and Emma Shedd, intermediate department; Susie Rix and Emma May, primary department.

Three hundred scholars are enrolled.

Mr. J. W. Gibson is principal of the South Belvidere school. He was chosen to this position in 1874, and has given the most liberal satisfaction. He is represented to be an excellent classical scholar, thoroughly practiced in his method of teaching, and his discipline without fault. His educational *acids de camp* are:

Mrs. B. M. Blackburn, assistant in High School; Miss Ida May Fry, grammar department; Nettie B. Gray, assistant grammar department; Miss Mary E. Wyman, intermediate department; Miss Carrie Bush, assistant; Miss Sina Coloson, second primary; Eva Smedley, first primary.

Such are the schools of Belvidere in 1877. In either of them better scholars can be graduated than were graduated from Yale or Harvard "when this country was new." They are the pride of the people by whom they are maintained, and an honor and a credit to the great State in which they are maintained, and whose wise and generous laws have made them equal to the colleges of fifty years ago.

RELIGIOUS INTERESTS.

BAPTIST CHURCHES.

Passing from the educational interests, we come to the Church History of Boone County, the next in importance to the history of its early settlement. In fact, these histories are so closely interwoven with each other as to be almost inseparable. From the best sources of information at our command, it appears that the Baptist people were the first to enter upon and occupy the field, and with that perseverance, industry, and earnestness for which that branch of the Christian church has ever been noted from the days when St. John the Baptist went down into the water, they have, in some degree, maintained the supremacy, as is shown both by numbers and the two elegant church edifices in which they worship. We learn, also, that in the early days of this county it was their purpose to build up here an educational and theological institution, and thus make it a great disseminating center of religious truths and instructions, but from causes not known to the writer (perhaps more liberal offers of property and other aid being tendered in other localities) the scheme was never carried out. Be this as it may, that people are none the less worthy of commendation for their early work in planting the seeds that have germinated and ripened into such fullness as is evidenced in the presence of large adult congregations, learned pastors, prosperous, well-conducted Sabbath-schools, and their two large and commodious houses of worship. The plan that has ripened into such good results appears to have been laid among the Baptists of Chautauque County, New York. It was a worthy undertaking, and has been crowned with brilliant success. How true that bread cast upon the waters will return many days hence!

To Rev. Dr. John S. King, a very eminent Baptist divine, and a man whose name has often appeared on these pages, one whose moral, social, business and religious character was without reproach, belongs the honor and the glory of preaching the first sermon uttered in the Kishwaukee wilds. Dr. King came here in the late winter of 1835, and an earnest and zealous servant of the Lord, a faithful sentinel on the outposts of the Christian army, he soon found a place for holding religious services. The doors of the primitive home of Timothy Caswell were thrown open, and in that

humble cabin, standing in what is now the eastern part of Belvidere, not far from the banks of the easy-flowing Kishwaukee, on a March Sunday, in 1836, the voice of prayer and praise first ascended heavenward, and floated out upon the air that had so short a time before been undisturbed except by savage shouts, the howling of the wolf, or songs of birds. The attendance was not large, but the words of wisdom—of glad tidings and great joy—that came forth surpassed all understanding—were none the less earnest. Without money and without price—no immediate earthly reward in expectancy—his sermon was none the less eloquent. Glittering jewels and flashy attire were not there for display, but hearts full of earnest resolve—resolved taken long years before in the old churches, in the old homes away back by the clear, silvery waters of Lake Chautauqua—were of more worth than all the glittering jewels and tinsels of fashion that ever flashed and shone in the temples of the unholy. The songs of prayer and praise may not have been so finished and artistically rendered as those of the present day; there may have been but one hymn-book in the congregation, and the preacher compelled to line out his selections, but a deep inspiration of holiness and solemnity filled every soul, and rendered vocal with sweetest melody every song of praise and invocation. That first religious meeting—on the banks of the far western Kishwaukee—appointed perhaps in the far east—Chautauqua—was the precursor of better things—the first rays of that glorious light that has continued to grow and shine until Belvidere has become pre-eminently a city of churches and church-going people. He planted the seed, lived to see it ripen into a golden harvest, and at the advanced age of nearly ninety years—years full of usefulness—Dr. John S. King, in September, 1875, at Dekalb, Dekalb County, was called to a home in the mansions above, there to receive the fullness of his reward.

This commenced the Baptist work in the Kishwaukee valley. At a little later period an humble and unpretentious house (of which we have repeatedly spoken) was erected, and in its day served its purpose well, but finally gave way before the demands of an increased population, and consequently increased congregation. That, too, in time, had to give way to a larger and more commodious structure, and the present society now occupies as handsome a church edifice as any people could desire—much more elegant in architecture and finish than even the most sanguine of its Chautauqua parentage ever anticipated.

The following historical summary is compiled from the church records, and shows a degree of prosperity and usefulness rarely equaled:

The first sermon was preached here in March, 1836. There were quite a number of Baptists here at that time, and Rev. Dr. John S. King, Deacon N. Crosby, Ira Haskins and others, soon thereafter began holding regular religious meetings. Every door was kindly opened, and the house was filled every Sabbath, whether preaching or praise meeting. In July, 1836, the Baptist Society was organized, with the following named constituent members:

Rev. John S. King, M. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Haskins and daughter, May; Timothy Caswell and wife, Mercy Matilda, and unmarried daughter, and Mrs. Elizabeth Payne, another daughter; Moses Blood and son, Caleb, now Rev. Caleb Blood of Kansas; Melvin Schenck and wife, Ann; Calvin Kinsley and wife, Charlotte S.; Nathaniel Orsley, Andrew F. Moss, and Charles Whitman. Melvin Schenck was chosen church clerk.

Others soon joined the new interest. In September, 1836, Prof. Seth S. Whitman, from Hamilton, New York, became their first pastor. Their numbers rapidly increased by the coming of John Lawrence and wife, Luther W. Lawrence and wife, Asa Moss, Sr., and wife, and others.

This church was blessed with many strong and efficient members, and soon became a power. It was the first church to incorporate the adult members into the Sunday-school.

List of Pastors.—Prof. Seth S. Whitman, ten years; Rev. S. A. Estee, three years; Rev. Charles Hill Roe, D. D., thirteen years; Rev. H. J. Eddy, D. D., four and one-half years; Rev. N. W. Ming, D. D., three years; Rev. J. P. Phillips, four months (fell into ill health and resigned); and Rev. W. A. Weisner (in his fourth year) present incumbent.

The supplies have been: Revs. S. Morton, John S. King, L. W. Lawrence, N. Oris and others. Evangelists who made a good record for the cause: Revs. Jesse T. Hinton, Thomas Powell, Jacob Knapp, Robert Boyd, D. D., W. W. Moore, Morgan Edwards, and H. G. Weston.

This society has had a total membership of nearly 1,300, numbering about 600 during the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Roe, of blessed memory. The present number is about 250.

Sabbath-school.—Present number, 80; enrolled, 120.

In 1865, about 65 members were dismissed to form the South Belvidere Baptist Church, which now numbers over 300 members, with a total membership of 480. That church has had for pastors, Revs. Horace M. Carr, J. L. Benedict, John Fulton, and the present incumbent, J. M. Whitehead. Like the parent society, this congregation has a fine house of worship, and an open door for good, dividing the Baptist interest between the two churches. The total membership of the two churches is a little over 1,700.

The first house of worship erected by this people has already been spoken of. Their second one was a brick edifice, 42x62 feet, built in 1858, at a cost of about \$5,000, and occupied the lot now occupied. In 1867, this house was pulled down to make room for the present beautiful edifice, which is 65x105 feet, which was erected furnished at a cost of \$30,000, the most of which cost was borne by the congregation occupying it.

In 1866, the South Belvidere church built a temporary house of worship, 24x40 feet, costing \$1,000. It was afterwards used for a conference ship. In 1867, they built a house on the corner now occupied by John Plank's hardware store, which cost \$12,000. That building, together with the conference room, was destroyed by fire, in December, 1871, and in 1873 the present beautiful edifice, 44x70 feet, and a conference room, 24x36 feet, was built at a cost of nearly \$15,000.

S. S. Statistics of South Belvidere Baptist Church.—The School was organized in October, 1865, with about 900 members enrolled. Average Sabbath attendance, nearly 150; present enrollment, about 250. The Superintendent (in the order named) have been E. E. Moss, Henry G. Andrews, H. O. Sherman, and George B. Ames. Volumes in library, 280.

The total value of the Baptist Church property is estimated at \$60,000.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The next church in the order of organization is the First Presbyterian. For a period of time involving nearly four years from the date of the first settlement of Boone County, the only regular religious services at Belvi-

ders were conducted under the auspices of the Baptist Church, but the services were open to all, and no member of any other church organization declined to attend because they were Baptist. As immigration increased, so increased the adherents to the different forms of worship. Presbyterianism, as industrious, earnest and zealous as the Baptist or the Methodist—always jealous of the tenets of its faith, and true to the spirit of its founders—had representatives among the immigrants, and as time grew apace, their numbers increased, they too, determined upon establishing a church. Their first services were held at the house of Stephen Burnett, about three miles north of Belvidere. At first, like their Baptist co-laborers, their congregations were small, but their earnestness and religious ardor were none the less sincere. The same zeal and devotion that had been the governing principles of the fathers of that branch of the Church—that had carried its tenets and truths wherever man had an abiding place—that, through evil report as well as good, had enabled it to build churches, found schools and seminaries and colleges—was present in these pioneer meetings, and sustained and encouraged its believers. Years of trial and persecution, as all Christian people were persecuted in the earlier days of the Christian era, had only tended to purify and strengthen their faith. While acknowledging all religious organizations as co-laborers in one common field, and ready to bow with them in the presence of the Most High, there is yet an independence in a true Presbyterian that will accept no compromise of his church's Articles of Faith, or to depart therefrom and give up its individuality by becoming a part of any other church organization, unless for reasons beyond possible control, such as inaccessible-ity to their own churches and houses of worship. Love of order and home enter largely into the hearts of Presbyterians everywhere, as much in the Kishwaukee wilds as in the densely populated cities. No matter where Presbyterians may go, they carry these attributes with them, and never feel that they are alone until worshipping beneath their own vine and fig tree—their own roof, and that free from debt. First assembled as a little band of true and steadfast worshippers at the humble pioneer home of Stephen Burnett, on Squaw Prairie, in 1838, without organization, we trace the history of their society organization, its success and prosperity, down to the present. In the compilation of this summary, we are much indebted to Henry W. Avery, Jr., clerk of the church, merchants and esteemed citizens of Belvidere.

The church is designated on the records of the Ottawa Presbytery as the "First Presbyterian Church of Belvidere, Illinois." It was organized at the log house of Stephen Burnett, above quoted, March 17, 1839, with 23 members, whose names were as follows:

Mrs. Dorcas May, Ezra May, Mrs. Abigail Burnett, Stephen Burnett, Mrs. Harrier Sheldon, Frederic S. Sheldon, Mrs. Abigail Hicks, George H. Hicks, Mrs. Mary Gardner, Austin Gardner, David Caswell, Aaron H. Billings, Mrs. Louisa Collins, Chauncy Bristol, Mrs. Maria L. Fisk, Mary C. Dubois, Mrs. Hannah Blood, Mrs. Juliet M. Glimm, Mrs. Nancy Hale, Mrs. Phil McBride, Mrs. Louisa May, Mrs. R. Cunningham, Miss Adaline E. Sheldon.

At the organization, Rev. John Morrill officiated, and Ezra May and Austin Gardner were elected ruling elders. The Articles of Faith and Covenant now in use were then adopted.

Up to the arrival of Col. Joel Walker, the congregation worshipped at

the residence of Mr. Burnett, and then in the former's log house across the prairie, three miles north of Belvidere, until the following year.

In 1840, the second story of the frame store-building erected by Col. Walker the previous year, on the northwest corner of State and Mechanic streets, was finished off, and its use as a place of worship given the society. The hall was dedicated June 4, 1840, and occupied three years.

The church was received into the Ottawa Presbytery, when in session at Belvidere, June 23, 1841, at which time Rev. Royal Nathaniel Wright was installed as the first pastor, with a promised salary of \$400 per annum, \$150 of which was pledged by the Home Missionary Society.

In 1843, the first church edifice of this society, and the first building in the county used exclusively for religious purposes, was erected, on the corner of Main and Mechanic streets, the present location. It was dedicated in August of the same year. The material was white brick, its dimensions 33x48 feet, its cost \$2,950, and the design plain and unpretentious.

In April, 1857, the erection of the church building now occupied as a place of worship by the society was commenced, and in February, 1858, it was dedicated. It is built of red brick after the Corinthian order of architecture, with the addition of a spire, is 60-80 feet in dimensions, will seat 800 persons, and cost \$18,000. While the new church was building, the society met for worship in the first Union Hall.

The membership record is: Original number, 23; received during various pastorates, 835; received between the pastorates, 27; total since organization, 885. Present number of members, 409. Number of original members now living, 10.

The pastors have been: Morrill (supply), commenced labor, March 17, 1839; pastorate ceased, March, 1840; duration, 1 yr.; members received, 23. Royal Nathaniel Wright, commenced labor, June, 1841; installed, June 23, 1841; pastorate ceased, Oct. 6, 1846; cause, died, aged 38; duration, 8½ years; members received, 183.

Charles Manning, installed, Oct. 23, 1850; pastorate ceased, April, 1854; cause, resigned, ill-health; duration, 3½ yrs.; members received, 118. E. D. Willis (supply), commenced labor, April, 1854; pastorate ceased, May, 1855; duration, 13 months.

Eleazer T. Hall, commenced labor, May 6, 1855; installed, July 9, 1855; pastorate ceased, Aug. 9, 1855; cause, died; duration 1 month; members received, 16.

Henry B. Holmes, commenced labor, Jan. 18, 1856; installed, April 23, 1856; pastorate ceased, Dec, 1862; cause, resigned, call to Dubuque; duration, 6½ years; members received, 149.

David K. Eddy, commenced labor, May 10, 1863; installed, May 4, 1864; pastorate ceased, July 7, 1873; cause, resigned, call to Flint; duration, 8½ years; members received, 313.

Supply, July to December, 1872.

Thomas C. Easton, commenced labor, Dec. 15, 1872; installed, Sept. 15, 1873; now serving; members received, 57.

The Record of Eldership is as follows:

Ezra May elected March, 1839; died Sept., 1854; served 15½ years.

Austin Gardner, elected March, 1839; died Feb., 1845; served 4 years.

Joel Walker, elected Feb., 1841; died July, 1855; served 14½ years.

Marcus White, elected April, '43; removed Sept., '50; served 5½ years.

David Dickey, elected Jan., 1846; died Dec., 1850; served 5 years.

Sidney Avery, elected January, 1846; still serving.
 Jona. Mitchell, elected Sept., 1850; died Sept., 1853; served 3 years.
 Theron Linsley, elected Sept., 1851; died May, 1857; served 5½ years.
 Sey. Gookings, elected Sept., '51; removed April, '55; served 3½ years.
 Eli Foote, elected Sept., 1851; retired Nov., 1864; served 13 years.
 Eli Foote, re-elected Nov., 1869; still serving.
 John Lawrie, elected Sept., 1851; retired Nov., 1860; served 9 years.
 H. W. Avery, Jr., elected Sept., 1852; still serving.
 James D. Tripp, elected Nov., 1854; still serving.
 Warren Pierce, elected Nov., 1856; removed Aug., '62; served 5½ years.
 Chas. Nichols, elected Nov., '56; removed Aug., '62; served 5½ years.
 D. E. Foote, elected Nov., 1856; still serving.
 Daniel McIlwren, elected Nov., '57; removed Dec., '67; served 10 years.
 Saml. Pepper, elected Nov., 1861; retired Nov., 1864; served 3 years.
 Elliot Bush, elected Nov., 1861; died June, 1864; served 2½ years.
 H. D. Waterman, elected Nov., 1862; retired Nov., 1865; served 3 years.
 John Yount, elected Jan., 1864; still serving.
 M. C. Tomkins, elected Nov., 1864; removed Mch., 1873; served 8½ years.
 N. C. Bentley, elected Jan., 1866; still serving.
 Ira Stanbro, elected Oct., 1868; retired Nov., 1873; served 4 years.
 M. Linsley, elected Nov., 1872; retired Nov., 1875; served 3 years.
 L. T. Witbeck, elected Oct., 1873; still serving.
 H. J. Sherrill, elected March, 1876; still serving.

The system of rotary elderahip was adopted November, 1851, and has been practiced since that date.

The retirements were occasioned by no causes discreditable to those withdrawing.

The Sabbath School was organized in the hall owned by Col. Walker, June 6, 1840. Deacon Austin Gardner was its first Superintendent. Mrs. Mary Gardner, Col. Walker, and Mrs. Alice Walker, were his associate teachers, and the pupils numbered about twenty-five. Additions were gradually made, and soon the names of C. C. Bristol, Bradford Dean, Mrs. Hannah Blood, Mrs. Annette S. Wright, and Mrs. Louisa M. Fisk appear as teachers. In 1843, Deacon Gardner was removed by death. Mr. Albert Brainerd was elected his successor, but the responsibility rested upon and was borne more particularly by Col. Walker, who, from its organization to his death, in July, 1855, was zealous for the prosperity of this Sabbath-school. Mr. Brainerd was succeeded by N. C. Ansdan, some time in 1844. About the first of January, 1846, H. W. Avery, Jr., was elected Superintendent, and, by re-elections, was continued until May, 1866, excepting intervals of from a few months to perhaps a year, which were filled by H. F. Woodworth, E. B. Conklin, L. B. Danforth, Seymour Gookings, and E. N. Bush. In May, 1866, Dr. D. E. Foote was elected Superintendent, and, by annual re-elections, was continued until May, 1876, when he was succeeded by D. D. Sabin. In May, 1877, Mr. Sabin declining a re-election, James R. Leonard was elected, and is at this date the acting Superintendent. There have been probably more than one hundred and fifty different teachers. The classes have increased from three or four, at first, to twenty-five, and the pupils from twenty-five to three hundred and fifty, as perhaps the highest number ever reported. A marked feature of this school is the attendance of many adults. Probably one-fourth of the members are classed as adults, who, with their own and others' children, together study the regular Bible



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lesson. Nearly all the members of the Sabbath-school are regular attendants upon the church service, and the church receives many additional members from this nursery. The library is usually replenished yearly, with such books as are considered suitable, while those which have been read and are in fair condition are gratuitously sent to more destitute schools in the farther West.

The most important and, in some respects, remarkable revival in the annals of this organization occurred during the pastorate of Rev. D. R. Eddy, in the winter of 1864-5. As its fruit sixty-seven persons were received into covenant on profession.

This church has been notably preserved from internal discord and division, and marked for its love of reformatory movements and faithfulness to the doctrines of civil and religious liberty.

Biographical.—Rev. Thomas Chalmers Easton, M. A., was born in Jedburg, Roxburghshire, Scotland, November 12, 1835. He received his classical education in the Latin School and Nest Academy, under the tuition of Burnett, and entered St. Mary's College, at St. Andrews, well qualified, and graduated with distinguished honors, class of 1855. He soon after emigrated to this country, and entered the Congregational ministry, and in 1858 had his present degree of M. A. conferred by Beloit (Wisconsin) College. He has been the pastor of three large churches—his first charge being the First Congregational Church in South Gastonbury, Connecticut; his second, the Scotch Church at Argyle, Winnebago County, Illinois, and his present charge, the First Presbyterian Church, Belvidere. During the years 1860-1, he served as Chaplain to the Legislature of New York, and was identified with the Abolition movement, debating largely the "Personal Liberty Bill," in company with Hon. Gerritt Smith, Fred Douglass, and others, who viewed these important political subjects from the same standpoint as Mr. Easton. He is well known as a lecturer, and takes the deepest interest in all philanthropic and educational reforms, and is greatly beloved by his present congregation.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Where has Methodism not been carried? From a little class organized by John Wesley in London, England, in 1739; persecuted and hunted from place to place, their numbers increasing from month to month, from year to year, they now rank first in point of numbers among the civilized people of the world. There is no limit to the industry and earnestness of this people. Wherever it has been possible to reach mankind at home and abroad, there the truths taught by the followers of John Wesley have been carried. It has made the dark places light, and opened the pathway of peace to millions of benighted souls. No sluggard can be a Methodist. That organization tolerates no drones; and its system is so perfect, that each part of its working machinery is in full harmony with the other. These people follow their plan of evangelization as regularly as the sun follows its orbit. No plummet was ever truer to the line than are the Methodists to their work. Not only is industry a pre-requisite to a good Methodist, but courage as well, particularly to the ministry. When once one's mind is made up to enter that sacred calling, friends, kindred, home, and if needs be, country, must be sacrificed to the duty embraced, and wherever work is to be done, there must be go. It may be to missionary service in the remotest islands of the sea—a backwoods or a prairie mission or

circuit, with perhaps the appointments a day's journey or a week's journey apart—the settlements sparse, the labor great and the prospect of earthly reward exceeding small. Hunger, exposure, persecution are in the way, but Methodism smiles at these as it sings its hosannas of praise, and shouts its means of defiance at the bulwarks of the temple. In the character of the pioneer Methodist ministers—circuit riders, like Peter Cartwright or Kentucky's Findley, there is something grand, and touching sublime. But these are only two of tens of thousands, the memory of whose character, courage, self-denial and devotion to the cause of the Master and the salvation of souls, lives as a monument in the minds of every true follower of the Author and Finisher of men's faith.

Early in the field everywhere, they followed close on the heels of the early immigrants to the prairies of the Kishwaukee, chanting their songs of praise and shouting defiance at all obstacles between them and the accomplishment of the work they were commissioned to do.

As a general rule, their missionaries go ahead to spy out the land and look after the spiritual needs of the early pioneers. Later comes the circuit rider with his saddle-bags, Bible and hymn book, and thus, step by step, their good work is prosecuted.

The history of Methodism in Northern Illinois shows that the first class formed within the bounds of the Rock River Conference was at Chicago, in 1829; the second at Plainfield, the same year; the third at Galena, in 1831. At the next year's conference, Zadoc Hall was sent to explore the country, and form a new circuit west of the Illinois River and north of Peoria. His charge was called the Peoria Mission, and was larger than the entire conference is now. The Ottawa circuit was formed from the northern part of the Ottawa, in 1833, and the Belvidere circuit cut from the Ottawa circuit two or three years later.

The following list comprises the preachers in charge to the present time (September, 1877): 1838, Jesse Walker; 1839, N. Jewett; 1840, — Brayton; 1841, Jas. McKean; 1842, R. A. Blanchard; 1843, M. Decker; 1844-5, R. A. Blanchard; 1846, Wesley Latin; 1847, Geo. Lovesse; 1848, W. Wilcox; 1849, R. Beatty; 1850, M. Decker; 1852-4, Thos. North; 1856, L. Anderson; 1857, S. Stover; 1859, C. S. McReading; 1860, S. F. Denning; H. Crew, P. E.; 1861, S. F. Denning; R. A. Blanchard, P. E.; 1862, F. A. Read; 1863, H. Atchison; 1864-6 Geo. J. Bliss; H. L. Martin, P. E.

Since then the preachers have been: 1867, J. C. Stoughton, 1st church; 176 members; S. Gates, 2d church, 55 members. 1868, E. W. Adams, 1st church; S. A. Gates, 2d church, W. A. Willing, P. E. 1869, W. H. Fisher, 1st church; S. A. Gates, 2d church. 1870, W. H. Fisher, 1st church; W. H. Wilkinson, 2d church. 1871, W. H. Fisher, 1st church, 148 members; J. A. Blanchard, 2d church, 110 members. 1872, — Newton, 1st church; J. O. Ogden, 2d church, W. A. Gray, P. E. 1873, W. H. Haight, 1st church; J. O. Ogden, 2d church. 1874, W. H. Haight, 1st church; J. O. Ogden, 2d church; 1875, W. H. Haight, 1st church; W. T. Shaw, 2d church; 1876, N. H. Axtell, 1st and 2d churches.

April 29, 1866, the following persons took letters from the church, and organized the Second (South Belvidere) Methodist Episcopal Church:

G. Chamberlain, H. Nicholson, N. Nicholson, A. Howard, L. Howard, G. D. Smith, E. Smith, B. E. Hovey, M. J. Boyce, J. Danforth, E. Estabrook, M. S. Chamberlain, H. Chamberlain, M. S. Rasett, S. A. Banks, P. Burton, R. Swail, H. Cornell, E. Allbright, H. Bennett, H. F. A. Lee. L. Anderson was made pastor.

In the year 1850, the brick church was dedicated, then the finest house of worship in the city. This people first occupied, as a place of worship, Flag, on the Rockford road between Belvidere and Beaver Creek; but after being raised was pulled down and removed to Belvidere and erected at the corner of State and Perry streets, opposite the present residence of Mrs. John K. Towner. At a later period, they moved into a building erected by Dr. Whitney for a law office, on the rear end of the lot now occupied by the Presbyterian church, and which they occupied one winter, when they moved into a building that had been erected on State street (now occupied as a residence by Mrs. Wilbur) by J. G. Saxton for a hardware store for Nijah Hotchkiss. They continued to occupy this place until they had purchased the site of their present church, and erected a small framed house thereon, where they remained until their present house of worship was built.

The interests of the town growing more favorable to the South Side, that church has become the strong one. Its Sabbath-school is the largest and most prosperous in the city. It has the singular honor of having thirty-three per cent. of its scholars entitled to diplomas for perfect lessons for the entire year. That number having been perfect also in rigid examination upon the year's study. Prof. I. B. Gibson is the superintendent at present.

Biographical—Rev. N. H. Axtell came to take charge of the two churches from the Park Avenue Church, Chicago. He was born in Pennsylvania, in 1836, and entered Allegheny Preparatory School in 1848. Then, after spending two years in the South and West, returned to college and graduated in 1860. Being elected to a professorship in Willoughby College, he spent one year there and the next two years in Evanston, teaching in the Northwestern University, and completing a course of Divinity in Garrett Biblical Institute. Since entering the ministry, his appointments have been Princeton, Galena, Aurora, Mendota, Elgin, Park Avenue—Chicago, and Belvidere. He is represented as a close student, a deep thinker, a ready and logical speaker, and sincere piety.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN IMMANUEL CHURCH.

In 1868, the Rev. A. Wagner, of Chicago, occasionally came to Belvidere, rendering sermons to the German Lutherans of the town and vicinity. Early in 1869, about twenty families were organized as a congregation, and sent a call to Rev. Phil. Estel, which was accepted. Services were held at the court house, and in private residences. In time, Mr. Estel accepted a call to another field, and services were rendered to the congregation by surrounding ministers, until in 1873, Rev. William Heinrath accepted a call as pastor of the congregation. In 1875 the congregation succeeded in buying the former Congregational church, a frame building 50x30 feet, 20 feet high, surmounted by a steeple 40 feet in height. The church was consecrated the 25th of July, 1875, after being thoroughly repaired and refurbished. In July, 1877, Rev. Heinrath removed to Missouri, and was succeeded in the pastorate by Rev. C. F. Th. Eissfeldt, who was installed August 12th.

The congregation has a present membership of forty-six. Services are held every other Sunday at 10:30 o'clock a. m.; Sunday-school from 12 to 1 o'clock p. m. From November to April, a school is taught by the pastor, which is sustained by the congregation.

The names of the original members of this church are: J. Suhr, J. H. Buhmeyer, Fr. Sturm, G. Gierhahn, F. Reimer, J. Watmann, John Reed, Chr. Gräve, J. Weebaum, H. Kraft, J. Wascher, C. Johannis, John Riedel, C. Galtbeck, A. Sander, John Sturm, C. Mørke, Chr. Johannis, J. Weber, A. Lettow, S. Luhnman, J. Pielh, H. Stränge—23.

THE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

Among the other people that settled here in the early times were a few representatives of this branch of the church. As jealous of their belief as the others were of theirs, they secured occasional preaching as opportunity offered. Rev. Seth Barnes, who was settled at Rockford, made occasional visits to Belvidere, and preached here as early as 1838. The meetings were held whenever a suitable building could be secured. Sometimes they were held in Towne's Hall, sometimes in some of the church edifices, and often in private houses, and were generally well attended. Mr. Barnes continued these meetings for about one year, when he removed from Rockford, finally locating at St. Anthony (now East Minneapolis), where he continued preaching until his death some years later. Before his removal to Minnesota, however, he assisted in establishing the *Better Covenant*, a newspaper devoted to the interests of his church. Subsequently the name of the paper was changed to the *New Covenant*, and continues to be published under that name at Chicago.

Until 1853, the Belvidere Universalists only had occasional services, conducted by different preachers. The first day of August, 1853, the first regular organization was effected. That meeting was held at the court house, and under the direction of Rev. T. S. Bartholomew, the First Universalist Society of Belvidere was fully organized. Jeremiah Phillips was chosen as church clerk, Peter Payne treasurer, and Charles McDougall, Simmons Terwilliger and Timothy Lewis, trustees for the society. The names of the parent members of the society were:

Timothy Lewis, Chas. McDougall, John W. Mack, Simmons Terwilliger, Jeremiah Phillips, Peter Payne, T. S. Bartholomew, Chas. E. Drake, Sherman E. Lewis, David Beebe, Eben Hammond, Selva Mack, Cephas Gardner, Enos Walker, J. R. Murphy, Elmina Leach, F. A. Hull, H. C. DeMunn, S. S. Stroud, W. C. Tuttle, Hannah Morse, H. J. Doolittle, Mary Curtis, Abner Lewis, Martha Drake, Emeret Lewis, Nancy N. A. Angewett Merrill, Elizabeth White, Melissa Payne, Emily Kandy, N. A. Hull, Wm. Perkins, Nancy McDougall, Esther E. Doolittle, B. N. Fox, J. J. Waterman, L. C. Waterman, L. J. Calhoun, H. A. Coburn, Nathaniel Bancroft, E. A. Bancroft, E. M. Rogers, S. M. Cook and N. G. Trippe—45.

After the organization of the society, their meetings were held in the old Baptist church building, (which had been purchased by Alexander Neely for a school-house) at the corner of Van Buren and East streets, and which they afterwards purchased, together with the ground on which it stood. In 1863, the society commenced to build a new house, and one in keeping with the character of the surroundings. It is a very handsome frame building, with stone foundation, and a seating capacity for two hundred persons. With the grounds, it cost about \$3,000.

Mr. Bartholomew remained as pastor of the society about two years, and was succeeded by Rev. P. G. Hamilton, who remained three years. He in turn was succeeded by Rev. A. B. Ellis, who labored with them about the same length of time. Under his pastorate, in 1866, a re-organization

of the society was effected. The next pastor was Rev. W. S. Ralph. The next pastors in succession were Rev. J. J. Austin, who remained two years; Rev. S. A. Hollis not quite one year, when he resigned. Until a permanent pastor could be secured, arrangements were made by which Rev. D. M. Reed, of Rockford, preached for them every alternate Sabbath. This supply continued about six months, when Rev. H. Slade, of Elgin, was called to the pastorate of the society, filling the pulpit for one year. Rev. H. W. Harrington came next, and remained two years, closing his pastorate April 1, 1876.

Since Mr. Harrington retired, the society has been without a pastor, but its organization is kept up, and the pulpit occasionally supplied by Rev. D. M. Reed.

Their Sabbath-school was first organized in 1854, by Mrs. T. S. Bartholomew, and re-organized in 1861, with Mrs. Bartholomew as superintendent. In 1865 another organization of the school was accomplished. At this time the school numbered one hundred scholars and fourteen teachers, and had a library of 300 volumes. At the last organization, Rev. Bartholomew was chosen superintendent. The present trustees of the society are D. E. Moulton, William Weed and S. Terwilliger; Charles Carpenter, clerk and treasurer.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

When the Towners came to the Kishwaukee, in 1835, they brought with them the doctrines and faith taught by Alexander Campbell, the founder of the Christian (often synonymically called the Campbellite) Church. This people, although liberal in their sympathies and regard for the other denominations, are as closely wedded to their faith as are the Methodists, the Baptists, or the Presbyterians, to theirs. And it is not strange that such representatives as Mr. and Mrs. Towne should seek the earliest opportunity to establish the doctrines of their church among the others that have grown up in Belvidere.

The first minister to proclaim the doctrines of this branch of the Church to the people of Boone County was Elder Walworth, in 1838. He is represented to have been a preacher of great power and eloquence, as well as of great worth and piety. Under his ministrations, the Christian society was organized and put in the way of usefulness. The owner at one time of the old Newton Academy building, spoken of elsewhere, he used it as a place of worship. While laboring here, he was a correspondent for the Unitarian papers, and by this means made the acquaintance of Rev. Mr. Conant, a Unitarian minister and educator. This acquaintance resulted in bringing Mr. Conant to Belvidere, and he finally succeeded Elder Walworth in the ownership of the Academy building and pastorate of the Christian society. Elder Walworth, being recognized as a great evangelist, had frequent calls to other fields, but during such absences, the Belvidere pulpit was filled every alternate Sabbath by Mr. Conant. Elder Walworth is now located in Gr. County, Wisconsin.

About 1841-2, Elder William Roberts came and assumed the place Elder Walworth had filled so satisfactorily, and continued to preach the truths of his church until failing health compelled his resignation, some time in the year 1843. A writer in the *Herald of Gospel Liberty*, under date of August, 1877, in referring to the early life of Elder Roberts, holds this language: "After dedicating himself to the labor of the ministry, his

labors, which were somewhat itinerant, were directed for a time to the little hamlet two miles from my father's—now DeLaune—where a blessed and extensive work of grace crowned his efforts. Much of the time, for perhaps a year or more, he labored among us, and in all his intercourse with the people his bearing was such as to hold the love and respect his first labors had won. Being still unmarried, it is somewhat remarkable, perhaps, and also a fact to be thankful for, that no shadow of flirtation was ever known of him, and no one of the many young lady converts ever betrayed the least indiscretion in relation to him that I ever heard of. The 'holy kiss,' which I fear has given too much latitude to some cordial, unsanctified natures, was limited in his case, I fully believe, to greetings of my father. This they all exchanged on meeting after a few weeks' separation, and I wish that all who practice obedience to the Apostolic injunction in this matter could as certainly know it to be the 'holy kiss,' as I believe were these greetings of my father and his 'dear little elder.' I have heard my father say he was one of the very few he had known who never, to all human appearance, had an hour's declension from his first love.

The last meeting he attended among us was very much like the one recorded in the last chapter of Acts. It continued five hours. Arthur Fuller came next after Elder Roberts, and he, likewise, through the help of his sister, Miss Margaret Fuller, became the owner of the Academy building. He remained two years, as teacher and preacher. After his resignation, Rev. J. L. Townner, son of John K. Townner, who had graduated from college, preached to the Christian society; and whenever Elder Walworth could find time from other more needy fields he would come and preach to his people. Thus were the meetings kept up until Elder William Bradley came, in January, 1853. Under the ministrations of this divine the church was wonderfully blessed. Until his coming, no decisive measures had been undertaken for the erection of a church building, but he soon set about this enterprise, and in June, 1856, says Mrs. Townner, their church edifice was completed and dedicated. Elder Bradley remained in this charge until 1858, when he resigned the pastorate. He is now preaching in Boston.

Next in the succession came Elder Adams, through the remainder of 1859-'60, and then went to California. Elder Watson, from New Hampshire, a young man of excellent qualifications, succeeded Mr. Adams and remained four or five years. He is now located at Troy, Miami County, Ohio, and is recognized as one of their ablest and most worthy preachers. About this time the society began to lose its strength and influence, by reason of the removal of members to Iowa and other new homes—sometimes as many as twenty of them going at one time.

Elder Lincoast was the last regular pastor of the society. He was a most industrious and zealous worker. During his pastorate, about eighteen months, he preached to three congregations almost every Sunday—at Belvidere in the morning, to the Bonus Prairie congregation in the afternoon, and at Capron in the evening. His labors carried the society up to 1863-'4, when it had become too weak to support a pastor, and it gave up the field as an organized church body. Their church building has passed into other hands, but is still occupied as a house of worship. Only a few of the old members still remain here. Among these is Mrs. Townner, relict of John K. Townner, who died November 7, 1861. Mrs. Townner, though far advanced in life, is hale and vigorous, and the last

female representative of the Belvidere settlers of 1835. In fact, she is the mother—an honored and respected one—of the city. Her son, Elder John L. Townner, of whom mention has been made in the course of this church sketch, is located at Industry, McDonough County, doing a work of usefulness.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

This church organized in 1847. Members—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Neely, Mrs. Margaret Keith, Mr. Nijah Hochkiss, Miss Alma Hochkiss, Mr. George Dean, Mrs. A. F. Moss, and Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, Clergymen—Rev. Alfred Lunderback, Rev. S. D. Puffer, Rev. E. B. Tuttle, Rev. Mr. Waterbury, Rev. La Bugh, Rev. W. H. Cooper, Rev. W. H. Couch, Rev. W. H. Yestor, Rev. W. H. Partman, Rev. W. H. Eddy. Owing to loss of church records by fire a full history cannot be given.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH.

The Free Methodist congregation has a small but very neat church edifice, and regular services, by Rev. E. C. Best. Their Sabbath-school is in a prosperous condition, and the members of the society earnest, industrious workers in their church's interest. Unable to gather the data for a more extended notice of this society, we present the following lines from the pastor, which explains itself and justifies the brevity of this sketch:

"Err, Sept. 20.—Dear Sir: I find it impossible for me to give a full history of our church here, as I can not get the records prior to about 1865 or 1868, for a few days at least. Respectfully yours,

"E. C. Best."

This note was in answer to one written to Mr. Best, after two or three visits to the parsonage and finding him absent, asking for information about his church society, etc.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.

The Catholics have a very handsome church edifice and good congregation, but in consequence of the absence of the priest on a visit to Europe, it was impossible to obtain any data relating the church's history, although repeated efforts to accomplish that end were made, hence the brevity of this sketch.

GERMAN EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION.

This people have a small church edifice, and a membership of fifty persons. Their society was organized about 1867, with not to exceed ten to the congregation every alternate Sunday. Their Sabbath-school numbers from thirty-five to forty scholars, and six teachers; Charles Fritz, Superintendent.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The only library in Belvidere is that, under the management of the ladies, known as the Belvidere Library Society.

It was first organized in 1851, continued four or five years, and then, owing to some trouble with the acting librarian, was abandoned.

In May, 1874, a few ladies, feeling the need of some organization looking to literary culture and advancement, collected what books could be

found belonging to the old society—some 120 volumes in all—and formed the present society.

It is like the old one, a subscription library, and has at the present time (1877) one thousand volumes, has been tendered the use of a lot, the gift of a small building which is being fitted up, and so, struggling on by little, the ladies hope that the time is not far distant when the voters of the town, realizing the necessities of the case, may be induced to take the matter into their hands and by a tax under the state law, make of it a free public library, to which the intelligence and general enterprise of the people entitle them.

Officers:—President, Mrs. M. G. Leonard; Secretary, Miss M. E. Rice; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Dr. F. S. Whitney; Librarian, Miss N. G. Dunn; Trustees, Mrs. O. H. Wright, Mrs. J. M. Glanzer, Mrs. R. Roberts, Mrs. M. M. Rutger, Miss S. M. Mundy.

PUBLIC HALLS.

Public halls in the early days of Belvidere were not so much of an object as the erecting of houses and offices of immediate necessity. But as time wore on, and Belvidere increased in population and importance, halls began to be erected. Some of these were very commonplace ones, but served their purpose well in their time. Among the first to be designated by the name of a hall, was the upper part of the Big Thunder Hotel, erected by Mr. Towner, in 1838. This hall was in demand for religious meetings, lectures, public meetings, etc., until Alexander Neely prepared one in the brick block at the northwest corner of State and Mechanic streets. The Walker building, commenced by Mr. Molony and completed by Col. Joel Walker, on the corner occupied by Greenlee Brothers, also afforded a hall in its time. The memory of some other halls of early presence might be resurrected, but they have all passed away and out of usefulness, and as the people became richer and prouder, better and finer ones were planned to succeed them. Pride doth many things, and has built two halls in Belvidere in which any people might take pride.

Union Hall.—This hall is located in Union block, at the foot of State street, North Belvidere. The erection of the block of buildings of which it forms a part, was commenced in the spring of 1868, and completed in the fall of 1869. The hall proper is the property of a joint stock company, and cost \$15,000. The main floor is supplied with one thousand chairs, and the gallery is provided with raised seats for five hundred persons. Besides, there are dressing rooms, a kitchen, and other conveniences that render it one of the most popular halls west of Chicago. Its interior finish is in good taste, and in keeping with the spirit that prompted its erection.

Adolph's Hall.—This hall is situated in South Belvidere, in which it is known as the "Adolph's Block." The block of buildings in which it is located was built in 1864, by a joint stock company, and cost \$15,000. The hall has seating accommodations for eight hundred persons. It is well finished, and in every respect first-class.

STATE STREET BRIDGE.

The first bridge built across the Kishwaukee river at the State street crossing was a wooden structure, in 1837. In 1840 the largest freight ever known in the Kishwaukee valley came and carried it away. Another

wooden bridge was erected, which stood until 1845, when it was likewise carried away by a flood. That in time was succeeded by a covered bridge, built by the county. William H. Gilman and Cornelius Kling were the contractor and builder. That bridge was built on bents, as it was supposed at that time that in consequence of the quicksand bottom, piles would be of no avail. In 1867 that bridge was condemned as unsafe, when it was torn down and replaced by the present wrought iron bridge. The contract for its erection was awarded, August 5, 1867, to L. E. Truesdell & Co. The bridge is known as the Truesdell patent. It was completed in November, 1867, at a cost of \$15,115. The cost of its construction was covered by bonds, issued by authority of the corporation of Belvidere. These bonds have since been paid off, and no debt contracted for any purpose hangs over the tax payers of the corporation.

MANUFACTURING.

This branch of industry has never been proscribed to any great extent. The moneyed men, capitalists, and property owners—men that ought to have been more directly interested in such enterprises than any other class, seem to have been more intent upon investing their money in loans at a good rate of interest—ten per cent., as their terms are ironically spoken of—than in aiding enterprises that would have had a tendency not only to increase the population by attracting operatives and capital, but in centering here a large trade that the building of manufacturing enterprises at other places has taken away. The business houses of Belvidere are sustained almost exclusively by the farmers of the county. There are no manufactures of any kind that give employment to more than a half-dozen men, and of these very few. And these few manufacture only to accommodate home demand. There is no good reason why woolen mills, cotton mills, manufactories of wooden implements, wagons, and everything else needed by farmers at home and abroad should not be maintained here as well as in many other localities in the state. They would prove as profitable here as elsewhere, and it has been a great oversight not to encourage them. But it is not our province to criticise the judgment, theory, or practice of this people on this or any other subject of local economy. However, it is but truth to add that nearly every plow, wagon, harrow, hay rake, chain, table, and every other thing down to a broom used on the farm or in the house, is imported from foreign points. A large average of broom corn is annually grown in the county, but instead of being manufactured here the largest part of it is sold to other points, made into brooms, and shipped back at the cost of the final purchaser. So of wool, etc.

The nearest approaches to the establishment and maintenance of manufacturing industries have been through individual enterprise and industry, and these may be briefly summarized.

S. Longcor's Plow Works were established in 1840. He makes a specialty of Longcor's Iron Beam Plows, Longcor's Silver Medal Stirring Plows, and Sod and Sibble Plows; also, Longcor's Improved Two-horse Cultivator and Pulverizer. He is an energetic citizen, and had he received that material encouragement the moneyed men were able to bestow, such encouragement as capitalists in other places extended to other mechanics and manufacturers—would have been able to manufacture thousands of these implements where he now makes but hundreds, and to give employment to hundreds of men where he now employs but one or two.

Pump Works.—The pump works of Junia Morse were established in 1837. He manufactures all kinds of wooden pumps, which find ready purchasers among the farmers of the county. His trade is strictly local.

Carriages, Buggies, &c.—In 1857, Woodruff & Dawson commenced the manufacture of carriages, buggies, &c., and employ six operatives. Their sales are not exclusively local, the character of their workmanship and finish having established for them a good reputation abroad.

E. J. Leach, wagon maker, established himself here in June, 1864, after coming out of the army. He has given employment to six men. He is a good mechanic, and ought to have been so encouraged as to now be able to employ a large number of workmen. In connection with his wood working department, he has a blacksmith and repair shop. His shops are sufficiently capacious to employ fifteen men.

J. List is also a manufacturer of wagons and carriages, commencing in 1855. He gives employment to five men.

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1858. Pump making and machinery repair works were established in 1858. Pump making and machinery repairs are his specialties. In busy seasons he employs five men.

These complete the list of anything approaching the dignity of manufacturing establishments, unless we include the Butter factory. This establishment was built in 1867, by Messrs. Terwilliger & Partridge, at a cost of \$6,000, and was originally intended for a cheese manufactory. It was devoted to this business about eight years, making annually about 900,000 pounds. In 1870, Mr. Terwilliger sold his interest in the establishment to the present management, who are engaged in the manufacture of Butter.

The Big Thunder Mills might also be mentioned. This mill was built in 1845, by Alexander Neely and Harvey D. May, at a cost of \$20,000. It has a capacity of one hundred barrels of flour per day. This property is now owned by L. Pitkin.

The first mill built here, in 1836, of which previous mention has been made, went down, before the demands of an increased and increasing population, in a few years, and in 1845 the present Baltic Mills, of MARYLAND, were erected by the Crosby Company, at a cost of \$12,000. O. B. Der-thick had charge of the mechanism.

The Balvidere Brewery was erected in 1854, by E. Whitforth, at a cost of \$10,000. Its capacity is twenty barrels per day. It is now (Sept., 1877) operated by John Waldo.

One of the most ingenious mechanics is Mr. Charles Carpenter, a cabinet maker. He had on exhibition at the county fair a small box, 14 inches long, 9 inches wide, and 7 inches deep, that was a marvel of curiosity and handiwork. Thirteen different varieties of wood, and 3,927 distinct and separate pieces were used in its make up.

LODGES, ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

Balvidere Lodge No. 80, A. F. & A. Masons.—Organized in 1847. Chartered by Grand Lodge, October 4, 1848.

Charter Members.—Alfred E. Ames, First Master; Orris Crosby, Nicholas Hochstetler, Lucius Fuller, Amos Witter, Asa Williams, Hezekiah Ripley, Joseph G. Prentiss. All dead.

Present Officers.—C. B. Loop, W. M.; C. L. Smith, S. W.; G. H. Hurlbut, J. W.; George W. Downs, Treas.; S. H. Moss, Sec.; E. B. Sherman, S. D.; O. Barnes, J. D.; W. H. Bennett, S. S.; Will Williams, J. S.; D. Wilcox, Tyler. Eighty-five members. Meet first and third Mondays in each month.

Kithavokes Chapter No. 90, R. A. Masons.—Organized in 1865. Chartered October 5, A. D. 1866.

Charter Members.—A. W. Burnside, John B. Mulliken, Nijah Hochkiss, Cephas Gardner, Charles B. Loop, Geo. W. Downs, Stephen A. Hurlbut, George B. Ames, L. E. Renson, W. C. Detrick, Nathan Snedley, Wm. D. Avery, D. D. Sablin, A. C. Fuller. Now numbers about fifty members.

Present Officers.—A. W. Burnside, H. F. C. B. Loop, K.; C. E. Kelley, S.; G. H. Hurlbut, P. S.; G. B. Ames, Sec. Meet first and third Wednesdays in each month.

Both societies are in flourishing circumstances, and occupy the whole third story of the brick block, corner of State and Mechanic streets. Their hall is beautifully furnished and is spacious and pleasant.

I. O. F.

Big Thunder Lodge No. 28, 1847. Organized April 28, 1847. Charter members: Daniel Hornell, B. A. J. Crosey, Wm. W. Birge, E. G. Wolcott, J. S. Whitney. Present officers: George Williamson, N. G.; D. J. Edgcomb, V. G.; E. H. Reynolds, Sec.; Wm. H. Wood, Treas.; Wm. Robinson, P. G. J.; George Davy, Warden; H. T. Lake, Conductor; Jas. Morse, R. S. N. G.; Jacob Seibert, L. S. N. G.; M. C. Morse, R. S. V. G.; John Barney, L. S. V. G.; L. C. Lewis, R. S. S.; H. W. Ames, L. S. S.; W. Main, I. G.; Geo. W. Dean, O. G. This order has ninety members. Regular meetings, Saturday evening of each week.

GOOD TEMPLARS.

The Star in the West Lodge, No. 421, I. O. of G. T., was organized Dec. 7, 1874, with a membership of thirteen, and is the only temperance organization in successful operation in the city. This lodge has adopted the same name, and uses the same seal and fixtures which were used by the Good Templars Lodge instituted Jan. 28, 1862, and was successfully conducted until 1868, and at one time was the most popular social organization in the city. The present lodge has a membership of fifty-nine, a number of whom have been reclaimed from the evils of intemperance, and are now respected by the community. The following are the present officers of the lodge: J. G. Stevens, L. D.; Colby M. Avery, W. C. T.; Stella Foote, W. V. T.; E. S. Pepper, W. S.; T. L. Ray, W. A. S.; Jas. Snedley, W. F. S.; Mrs. Mary A. Woff, W. T.; Chas. A. Church, W. M.; Carrie Bush, W. E. S.; M.; Zora Graham, W. G.; Mary Tumeare, R. H. S.; Jessie Talbot, L. H. S.; Libbie Collier, W. G.; E. Whitworth, W. S.; Wm. Robinson, P. W. C. T. Regular meetings Monday evening of each week.

THE PRESS.

The *Balvidere Republican* (Whig) was commenced in 1847, by J. W. Snow. The press and type were brought from Woodstock. It lived about two years (until 1849), when it succumbed to fast accumulating debts, like most ventures of the sort. It is a notorious fact that more money and time are lost in the attempt to establish newspapers in new country towns than

in almost any other undertaking. And this in face of the fact that no other agency can be made so useful in presenting the advantages, or made so potent in advancing local interests, as a well-conducted newspaper. But we are writing history. The last number of the *Republican* was printed on brown paper.

The *Republican* was succeeded by the *Belvidere Standard*, which was commenced in 1851, by its present manager and proprietor, Ralph Roberts, Esq., and is one of the oldest papers in Northern Illinois, (except one in Galena) having remained nearly twenty-six years under one proprietorship. The *Standard* was maintained as an exponent and advocate of Democratic principles up to the organization of the Republican party in 1856, the proprietor, Mr. Roberts, being a delegate to the Bloomington Convention of that period that nominated Bassell for governor. Since its commencement, the *Standard* has had a good circulation, and fair advertising patronage. Mr. Roberts is a practical printer, of industrious habits, close economist (a rare virtue among printers), a deep thinker, and a close observer of passing events. And when fully enlisted upon any question, wields a caustic and ready pen.

In 1873, Mr. Roberts was appointed by Governor Beveridge as one of the Illinois Commissioners to the Vienna exposition, but, for reasons satisfactory to himself, did not honor the appointment by going to the exposition.

Several attempts were made to establish newspapers in Belvidere, but only two of them proved successful undertakings—the *Standard* and the *North-Western*. Of these ventures, the following is a record:

Two or three numbers of a weekly paper were issued by Prof. Gower, about 1859. These were printed in Rockford.

The *Belvidere Independent* (Rep.), by J. N. Brockway, afterwards Post-master, for some years.

The *Belvidere Union* (Rep.), by — Jackson, which weathered the storm for a year or two.

The *Boone County Democrat*, by — Wilson, which lived through the presidential campaign of 1864.

The *Boone County Advertiser*, by W. H. Cadwell, lived two or three years, when the office was removed to Rock Falls, where it is used by Messrs. Cadwell & Tuttle in the publication of the *Progress*.

The publication of the *Daily Index* was undertaken by W. C. Coates, in 1875. It was published two or three months, when the enterprise was abandoned.

Another small sheet, called *Students' Thought Leaves*, was undertaken by J. N. Brockway, but only two numbers were published, and it went to join its predecessors.

The *North-Western* was commenced in January, 1867, by E. H. Talbot, Esq., as editor and proprietor. In 1870, the office, good will, etc., were purchased by Mr. R. W. Coon, by whom the paper is still continued. This paper was first printed in rooms over George B. Ames' store. In 1869, the office was removed to Charles Dean's building, near the railroad track. In 1875, it was again removed, and at last found a resting place in commodious and elegant quarters in Sabin's building, at the head of State street. The business of the paper has been carefully and judiciously managed, and as a local newspaper, it ranks well among its contemporaries in Northern Illinois. It has always enjoyed a large subscription and job patronage.

The office is well fitted up with presses, type, etc. It is republican in politics.

HOTELS.

The first hotel was Doty's "Belvidere House," a small log house erected in the fall of 1833. The next season (1834) he built a larger one, on the lot occupied by Williams' drug store. The flooring used in his first house was the first sawed lumber ever hauled from Chicago to Gen. Scott's crossing of the Kishwaukee. Since then Mr. Doty has kept hotel almost continuously, following State street down to the river, and finally crossed it, and keeping the old name, is now located just south of the bridge.

In 1838, John K. Turner built a hotel near the present site of the residence left to his widow. That was christened the "Big Thunder Hotel," and the wooden sign bearing the name of the house was surmounted by a big sheet-iron ladder. The opening was a grand affair, and attended by all the elite of the city, as well as by guests from abroad. In time that gave way and others followed.

During the summer of 1849, the American House, a two-story frame, was built by William H. Gilman. In November or December it was opened with great *éclat* by E. F. Lawrence and H. C. Walker. At the time it was the grandest hotel between Chicago and Freeport and Galena. The opening was in keeping with the house. Guests were present from Chicago (among whom were Long John), Freeport, Elgin, St. Louis, etc. Lawrence and Walker continued as mine hosts for about a year, when they retired. The present proprietor is William Anderson, who is now under his third lease. He first occupied it in 1861, and continued its management for about one year, when, in the fall of 1862, he bought the furniture and good will of the Julian House, where he remained not quite a year, sold out and removed to Rockford. In 1864 he came back to the American and remained about three years, when he sold and went to Madison, Wis. In May, 1877, he found his way back to the old stand, and took a lease of the house for four years, refurnishing it throughout. The property is owned by Terwilliger and Perkins.

The Julian House.—About twenty-five years ago a three-story and basement brick building 20x40 feet, with an L 25x80, was built at what is now the corner of State and Main streets, South Belvidere, by a Mr. Mauler, for hotel purposes. In time, this property passed into the ownership of a Mr. Downer, of Boston. In August, 1865, Robert J. Traver came here from Iowa and purchased this property from Mr. Downer, and entered upon the hotel business. A short time after assuming charge of the Julian, R. J. Tinsley married his only child and daughter, and became associated with him in business. In 1869 the popularity of the house had so increased that enlarged quarters became necessary, and the erection of the present stone front, 44x73 feet (three stories and basement), was commenced. In 1870 it was completed and opened at a cost of about \$15,000. This addition gave them about seventy-five rooms and otherwise enlarged hotel conveniences. In the spring of 1875, Mr. Traver sold a half interest in the house to H. J. Sheldon, and the firm became Tinsley & Sheldon. Mr. Traver retiring to the shades of private life.

BANKING INTERESTS.

The First National Bank of Belvidere, Illinois, organized May, 1865. Capital, one hundred thousand dollars. Allen C. Fuller was elected Presi-

dent; B. F. Lawrence, elected Vice President; Newell C. Tomkins, elected Cashier; James S. Terwilliger, Teller. Allen C. Fuller, B. F. Lawrence, Mark Ramsey, Wm. S. Dutton, Ezra May, Geo. Waterman, John Yourt, Isaac T. Witbeck, Newell C. Tomkins, were elected directors. Jan. 10, 1866, B. F. Lawrence declining a re-election to the office of vice-president, Mark Ramsey was elected to fill that office. Feb. 26, 1866, James S. Terwilliger was appointed assistant cashier, and John C. Neely, teller. Jan. 8, 1867, James S. Terwilliger was elected cashier in place of Newell C. Tomkins, resigned. Jan. 11, 1867, Allen C. Fuller resigned the office of president. Feb. 27, 1867, Mr. H. B. Sykes was appointed teller in place of John C. Neely, resigned.

At a special meeting of the directors held March 14, 1867, Mark Ramsey was unanimously elected president. Mr. Ramsey declining to accept the position. At a subsequent meeting held March 25, 1867, Wm. S. Dutton was elected president.

Sept. 28, 1868, Mr. Irving Terwilliger was appointed teller in place of H. B. Sykes, resigned, and on April 24, 1871, was appointed assistant cashier. The present officers of the bank are: William S. Dutton, president; Mark Ramsey, vice-president; James S. Terwilliger, cashier; Irving Terwilliger, assistant cashier. Directors: Wm. S. Dutton, Mark Ramsey, James S. Terwilliger, Allen C. Fuller, Edward F. Lawrence, Isaac T. Witbeck, John M. Glasner, John Yourt, Ezra May.

The average amount of deposits of this bank are much less than they would be from the fact that the management have rigidly adhered to the rule of not paying interest on deposits. The annual amount of business done through the bank cannot be accurately stated, but since its organization has been many millions.

The stockholders have cause to congratulate themselves upon the success of the management of the bank, as the losses upon discounts since its organization have been less than one hundred dollars.

York, Lawrence & Co.—This banking house is located in South Belvidere. The association was organized July 15, 1874, and is composed of twenty-two members.

The business of this bank is conducted by a board of five directors. The present directors are Ezra May, J. T. Whitbeck, Wm. S. Dutton, Mark Ramsey and J. S. Terwilliger. This board is elected annually.

BELVIDERE CEMETERY.

If the people of Boone County are proud of any one thing more than another, it is of the order in which the Belvidere cemetery is kept. The Association was incorporated A. D. 1847—John K. Turner, Asher E. Jenner and William T. Burgess being the incorporators. The original cemetery plot was on the north line of the original town plot of Belvidere, and included about four acres of ground. Since that time two additional have been made, increasing the area to about fifteen acres, enclosed with a substantial fence. The grounds are laid off in lots and blocks, divided by alleys and avenues, and beautifully decorated with evergreens and other shrubbery, and an experienced florist steadily employed to trim and train them and keep the grounds in order. Here is evidenced the spirit and pride of the people by whom it is maintained.

"His Jacob requiescat."

BONUS.

This is a Latin phrase, meaning good; hence the name of this township. Christopher Payne was the first settler in this township. In the fall of 1835 he came up from Dupage County, and located a claim on Squaw Prairie, a part of which claim he subsequently (in 1838) sold to Oliver Hale. Payne had erected a cabin, and broken an acre or two of prairie. This breaking was included in that part of the claim sold to Mr. Hale, and was probably the first land cultivated in the township. In September, 1836, L. W. Lawrence came in, when he found the following settlers present: Oliver Hale, O. Sunda, Benjamin Sweet, Melvin Schenck, Geo. B. Ames, John Sponable, David H. Sackett, James Shinn and Christopher Payne—ten, all told, including Mr. Lawrence. At that time what is now called Bonus township was included in the Belvidere precinct. The elections were held in Belvidere, at the house of Simon P. Doty, and the citizens went there to vote. Soon after the organization of the county, territory of Bonus township was erected into a separate precinct, and named Deerfield. By this name it continued to be known until the adoption of the township organization system, when the name was changed to Bonus. The first election in the Deerfield precinct for justices of the peace, etc., was held at the house of John Herbert, and John Lawrence (father of L. W. Lawrence) and Hiram Stacy were elected justices.

The first child born was William Shinn, son of James Shinn. The first death was that of Billy Ames, in August, 1837. The first school taught was by Mrs. Lydia Lawrence (mother of L. W.). She deprecated the idea of children growing up in ignorance and comparative idleness, and gathered them together in the capacity of a school. The school house was the shade of a large white oak tree. The seats were the ground, but always shade shifted, the school house and its furniture was moved, but always "took up" at the same place. With knitting in hand, giving her services free, she heard lessons recited. This was the first free school in Boone County. The first school house in the township was built of hewed logs, near the residence of James Shinn, on section seven, in the fall of 1838. In 1841, another school house was built—a frame one. At a Sunday night meeting, after preaching, Mr. L. W. Lawrence gave notice that on the Monday evening following a meeting would be held to devise ways and means to build a school house. At that meeting a sufficient sum was subscribed to build the house, and in just two weeks from that Monday morning, it was completed, and Mr. Lawrence opened school with forty scholars. That was enterprise. His salary was \$120.00 per month, to board himself and collect his own tuition bills—the school being maintained by private subscription.

The winter of 1837 was a hard one on the settlers in the Lawrence neighborhood. Provisions were scarce, and money a good deal scarcer. In the Lawrence cabin, all in one room, seventeen persons domiciled that winter. Their food for the most part, was bean porridge, made without meat or seasoning of any kind, except a little salt. A crop of potatoes had been raised, but bread was a rarity, and flour and corn meal difficult to obtain.

Bonus Township is a Grange stronghold, and one of the most successful Granges in the State is in prosperous working condition. It was

organized in the winter of 1873, and is known as *Bonus Grange No. 908*. The following are the officers: O. S. Nichols, Master; S. C. Fox, Overseer; M. W. Foyet, Steward; J. D. Rosekrans, Mrs. O. S. Nichols, Assistant Stewards; M. K. Avery, Lecturer; A. C. Fessett, Chaplain; J. O. Rosekrans, Gate Keeper; Mrs. M. K. Avery, Censor; Mrs. J. Cronk, P. Omora; Mrs. M. W. Foyet, Flora; J. J. Roper, Secretary; James W. Porter, Treasurer.

There are in the township eight school houses and full districts and, four fractional districts. The population is about 1,300.

Garden Prairie is the only village in the township. It is situated on the Galena division of the C. & N. W. R. R., and is an outgrowth of that thoroughfare, having been laid off about the time of the completion of that road, in 1851-2, by David H. Sackett, one of the pioneer settlers. The present population is about 200. There are two stores, two blacksmith shops, one wagon shop, a lumber yard, hotel, post-office, and two churches, Methodist and Congregational. The first Methodist class was organized in 1843, by Rev. R. H. Blanchard, and was composed of Captain Boomer, a part of his family, and Farnelia Hyde. The class met with a good many crosses, although by Rev. Mr. Cassidy, and ministers of other denominations. In 1863, the class was re-organized by Rev. A. P. Mead. Mr. Mead was succeeded by Rev. Mr. Adams, he in turn, by conference rules, by Rev. S. Gates. In 1868, the Rock River conference, in session at Kankakee, appointed Rev. W. P. Jordan to the work. Since then the preachers in succession have been: Rev. J. A. Lovejoy, Rev. William Clark, Rev. Edwin Boyce, Rev. John Bacon and the present pastor, Rev. Leonard Clifford. In 1872, the congregation built a church, at a cost of \$2,250. The prime movers in this undertaking were Daniel K. Payne, Jirah Payne, and G. W. Newell.

The Congregational Church was organized May 8, 1858. Their house of worship was built in 1860, at a cost of \$1,600. The pastors in succession have been: Revs. N. C. Clark, John B. Fairbank, E. M. Amsted, S. C. Hanson, and D. J. Baldwin.

The Garden Prairie Lodge of Good Templars, No. 115, was organized June 20, 1877, and bids fair for great usefulness. The lodge numbers thirty-six members. Their meetings are held on Tuesday evening of each week.

BOONE.

Under the old organization, this township was included in Beaver precinct. Our sketch of it will of necessity be brief, from the fact of our inability to find the necessary data upon which to base as extended a notice as we would like. Its settlement commenced in 1836-7. During these years, however, the immigration was light, but in the latter part of 1837 and early part of 1838, the increase was rapid. The first settlers in the township of whom we can find any traces were a Mr. Barker, Bradford Dean, and a Mr. Tunney, who located at or near what is now known as Poplar Grove, on the Madison branch of the Chicago & Northwestern R. R. Mr. Dean was the first school teacher, and although the house was just across the line in what is now Caledonia Township, the most of his pupils belonged in



B. Cornwall

CAPRON.

Boone. This school is said to have been taught in the winter of 1838-9. Mr. Dean was also the first Justice of the Peace.

Poplar Grove.—This village was laid out in 1859 by I. Evi Sherman. A part of the village is in Caledonia Township, and was originally called Shermantown. The present population is about 200. The business is represented by two stores that keep a general stock of dry goods, etc., one hardware store, lumber yard, a confectionery establishment, etc., two blacksmith and wagon shops, shoemaker shop, hotel, and one grain elevator. There is a good graded school and two churches. Poplar Grove is quite an important local shipping point for grain and stock.

In 1842 a Methodist class was organized by Rev. R. A. Blanchard, and in 1864 a house of worship was erected, costing about 2,000. The church now has a membership of about sixty persons, and a flourishing Sabbath-school, of which George Dean is the Superintendent. Rev. G. L. S. Stull is present pastor.

April 21st, 1858, a Presbyterian Church was formed in Boone Township. Rev. H. B. Holmes, Rev. Morrison Huggins, committee from the Belvidere Presbytery, and R. J. S. Emery, missionary, were present, and conducted the exercises. Bradford Dean, Mrs. Relief Dean, Mrs. Mary Cowan, Mrs. Agnes Roe, Mrs. Isabella Maskey, Mrs. Jane Robinson, Mrs. Anna Warren, Mrs. Susannah Warren, Richard Warren, William Warren, George Warren, Henry Warren, Tisdell Dean and John Warren, gave a relation of their Christian experience, which was satisfactory to the committee, and they were constituted a church society—to be known as the First Presbyterian (N. S.) of Caledonia. Dean's school house was fixed upon as a place of worship, because of its convenience to the society. In 1863, the society re-organized under the "manual usages, principles, and doctrines of the Congregational Church." At the meeting under which this organization was effected, Rev. S. W. Champion was Moderator and George R. Warren, Clerk. That season they inaugurated measures to build a church, and by the 23d day of June, 1864, the building (30x45 feet) was completed and dedicated. The dedication services were conducted as follows: Introductory prayer, by Rev. Mr. Smith, of the M. E. Church; sermon, by Rev. Mr. Goodwin, of Rockford; dedicatory prayer, by Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Belvidere; evening sermon, by Rev. Mr. Ray, of Chicago.

On the 28th of November, Mr. Champlin preached his farewell sermon, and was succeeded by Rev. D. W. Comstock, who was followed by Rev. Levi Wheaton, who continued with the society nearly five years, but September 20th, 1871, the society "concluded to drop Mr. Wheaton, and try a student or some one else, and invite him to supply, if we had no one else." At a subsequent business meeting of the society a committee was appointed to draft resolutions of recommendation and present them to Mr. Wheaton at the close of his pastorate. The next pastor was Rev. M. S. Hall, who commenced his labors Feb. 18, 1872, and remained until Jan. 1873. Rev. Mr. Kidder came next, and remained with the society until his death, in December, 1874. His remains were taken to Beloit, Wisconsin, for burial. Samuel Kidder (son of the deceased) filled the pulpit for a few Sabbaths after the death of his father, and on May 30, 1875, he was engaged for fourteen weeks. Rev. Mr. Wadsworth succeeded Mr. Kidder. The 5th of January, 1877, their church building was destroyed by fire, but they immediately rebuilt, at a cost of \$2,000. Rev. Mr. Easton.

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Belvidere, preaching the dedicatory sermon, on Wednesday, September 19, 1877. The society numbers fifty-two members, with a good Sabbath school. The society is now known as the First Congregational Church of Poplar Grove.

Capron is a village of about 300. It has six dry good stores, three grocery and provision stores, hotel, two good grain elevators, a fine school house, employing an able corps of teachers, two fine churches, with good congregations, good Sabbath-schools, etc. There is a Masonic Lodge, a good working condition. The Capron *Independent*, a weekly newspaper, was an experiment of a few years, but did not succeed satisfactorily. As a shipping point, Capron is a place of local importance. More grain and stock is shipped from Capron than from any other point in the county except Belvidere.

CALEDONIA.

Under the old time regulations, the three present townships of Caledonia, Boone and LeRoy, were known as Beaver precinct. The town of Manchester was known and designated as Manchester precinct. In August, 1838, David Drake and his brother, Abram Drake, of New Hampshire, came to the southwest part of Beaver precinct, where each of them located claims. Previous to that time, there were but few settlers in the precinct, and none in that part of it now known as Caledonia. Between the 1st of September and the 21st day of December, 1838, the following named settlers came in and settled claims: Michael S. Taplin, Abigail Story, Jas. Ramsey, Thomas Ramsey and Widow Nancy Stevens. January 1, 1839, the population was about twenty-five persons. During 1839 there were the following accessions: Enoch O. Garland and family, Allen Carpenter, Dr. Calvin Cass and family, Phineas Duff and family, Benjamin Gille, Robert Morgan and family, Isaac Savelle and wife, Steven Covey and family, John Bruce and family, John Freeman and family, George Picken and family, and Charles Whiting and family. There may have been others, but before a record of the old settlers was made, they had moved away, and the date of their coming is lost. So far as known, the above record covers the population numbers. In 1839 the lands had been opened to sale, and the natural richness and beauty of the country attracted the attention of people hunting new homes. Of the settlers of 1838, Abram Drake and wife, Mrs. Stevens (now aged seventy-six years), and three sons (one of them in Wisconsin, five of them in Iowa, and one in Illinois), are living.

In June, 1839, a petition was presented to the County Commissioners' Court, signed by all the voters in town 45, N., R. 3 East, asking that it be set off from Beaver precinct, in consequence of the distance voters had to travel to reach the usual place of holding elections. The prayer of the petitioners was granted, and the township of Caledonia designated on the county record as Caledonia, a name selected by the petitioners. The first election was held at the house of David Drake, on the east half of the south-east quarter of section 34, now owned and occupied by a man named Wince. At that election, two justices of the peace and two constables were elected—Timothy Barker and Abram Drake, and David Drake and Wm.

Streeter were elected constables. Mr. Drake served as justice of the peace for ten years in succession. During the administration of John Tyler, as President of the United States, Squire Drake was appointed post-master of Precinct F. O.—an office, established some time about the latter part of 1843 or the beginning of 1843. He held that office for ten years, keeping the office in his residence, a log house, still standing, and the office removed to Division of the C. & N. W. R. R. was completed and the office removed to Caledonia Station. In September, 1841, the township was divided into four school districts, numbered one, two, three and four. The school trustees at that time were Abram Drake, Edward Hawley and Robert Morgan. William Frank was appointed their treasurer. The first school house was built in District No. 3, and was of logs. At the first enumeration of children of proper school age in District No. 1, there were 20; District No. 9, 11; District No. 3, 30; District No. 4, 26; all told in this township, 87. The first school taught was in 1841-2, and was supported by private subscription. It was kept at the residence of Philemon DeGroot, and Miss Axie Knox was the teacher. There are now eleven public school houses and districts in the township, and four fractional districts, that are attached to other townships for school purposes. There is one church building, the Little Bethel, in the township. It was built by the Free Methodist, in 1863, but is now owned and occupied by the American Wesleyan Methodist. Caledonia village is an outgrowth of the Madison Division of the C. & N. W. R. R. There are two stores, a few shops, etc., and a good school building, that also serves the purpose of a church. Caledonia has furnished but few criminal cases. Only one murder stains its good name, June 28, 1852, Rufus Guile shot and killed Leonard Van Alstine. Guile was arrested, tried, convicted, and sent to the penitentiary for seven years.

During the ten years that Mr. Drake served as justice of the peace, he solemnized seventeen marriages. They were in the following order:

Oct. 16, 1840, William Story to Miss Anna Oncaut. This marriage was in Belvidere township. The groom was a resident of Caledonia, and the bride lived just across the township line, in Belvidere. Fee, \$1.25.

On the 29th of the same month, David R. Gardner and Miss Sarah Bruce. This was the first marriage in the township. Mr. Gardner is still living, and clerk of a county court in Nebraska.

Feb. 18, 1841, Albert Holt, and Miss Laura Story. Are living at Stockbridge, Calumet Co., Wisconsin.

Feb. 8, 1845, Wm. Howard and Mrs. Mary Ann Little. These parties are still living in Caledonia township. At the same time and place, Isaac Tyson and Miss Mary Postlethwaite. Both deceased, and buried in Belvidere cemetery.

March 30, 1845, Christopher Burrell and Mrs. Elizabeth J. Irwin. Removed to Canada, and still living.

Sept. 19, 1846, Jas. C. Hammond and Miss Fannie J. Turner. Removed to Iowa, and still living.

Oct. 31, 1846, Amasa S. Ireland and Miss Cynthia Dupuy. This marriage was not a happy one, and a separation ensued. Mr. Ireland went to California, since which all trace of him has been lost. Mrs. Ireland remarried, and subsequently removed to Minnesota.

Jan. 27, 1847, John Turneure and Miss Louisa E. Cline. Removed to Iowa; subsequently returned to Boone, where Mr. Turneure died. His wife is still living.

Jan. 25, 1848, Rufus R. Turner and Mrs. Francis R. Knight. Left California twenty years ago for the Black River country, Wisconsin; subsequently removed to Iowa, where they are still living.

Feb. 26, 1848, Davis Bates and Mrs. Clarissa Jeshlin. Both died in Boone County.

April 19, 1848, Rollin G. Story and Miss Charlotte M. Knox. Mr. Story enlisted in the army, and was run over and killed by a train of cars. His widow and children removed to and are now living in Iowa.

Oct. 1, 1848, Peter Hostetrasser to Miss Mary Dill. Mr. Hostetrasser died a few years after marriage, and his widow removed from the State.

Nov. 19, 1848, Solomon Penwilliger, and Miss Esther A. Powell. Removed to Iowa ten years ago, where they are still living.

March 27, 1849, Orville S. Stevens and Miss Caroline M. Irwin. Mrs. Stevens died in Caladonia, in the winter of 1876-7. Mr. Stevens still lives on the old place.

Aug. 12, 1849, Jas. W. Outcalt to Mrs. Electa Ann Gilbert. Mrs. Outcalt died twenty years ago. Mr. Outcalt re-married, and removed from the State about two years ago.

Nov. 17, 1849, Henry P. Seldon and Miss Jane Ellis. These parties were strangers to Mr. Justice Drake. They were en route for Wisconsin, procured their marriage license at Belvidere as they passed through, stopped at Dr. Drake's residence, five and a half miles out, and were made man and wife, started from there on their honeymoon trip, and have never since been heard of.

The first birth, according to the best sources of information, was a son to Isaac and Mary Sewell, May 20, 1840. The second was a daughter to John Erwin, Aug. 3, 1840; and the third, a son to Robt. and Eliza Morgan, Nov. 3, 1840.

The first death was that of Solomon Story, which occurred in December, 1838, a short time after his settlement in the township.

FLORA.

The name of this township is derived from the primitive beauty of the landscape. Originally, it was an open, rather undulating prairie. In spring time it was bedecked and bespangled with myriads of flowers of every conceivable hue and color—the admiration of every beholder. The first settlers were Indians, the later ones from New York and the New England States. Arthur Blood settled in what is now the township of Flora in the fall of 1835, and was the first white settler. In 1836, a Mr. Penwell, A. M. McCoy, a large family by the name of Russell, Abel R. Blood, the Oss family, and Peter Nichols, came in and settled down to the work of making homes. The first Justice of the Peace was Renben Bliss. His successor was Walter Rice. The first Justice of 1836-7, by Daniel Bliss. The first school was taught in the winter of 1836-7, by Daniel Bliss. The building was an old log house that stood on what is now the land of R. G. Noren. It was the only school house for many miles around, and children attended from DeKalb County. Walter Lucas has the honor of being the first white child born in the township, but that was long before the adoption of the township system and while the territory

was designated as a precinct. His wife, Edna Cushman, was the first female infant to put in an appearance and lay claim to recognition and citizenship, and it was only fitting that in later years Mr. Lucas should take her to wife.

The first religious society was of the Christian denomination, but the first sermon preached was by Rev. Father Gaddis, at the house of Renben Penwell. Father Gaddis was a well known Methodist preacher in the earlier days of Methodism in this part of Illinois, and his memory is held in high esteem by all the early settlers of the Kishwaukee country, regardless of religious preferences.

The precinct became a township under the township organization law, and ranks among the foremost in the point of good morals, obedience to law, intelligence, etc., in Northern Illinois. It was twenty-five years after the first settlement before a single case found its way from that part of Boone County into the Circuit Court, and only three suits were sent up and docketed in forty years!

As a guard against perambulating depredators, the citizens of Flora have a vigilance association, and every man watches his neighbor's property as carefully as he does his own. Wide awake, honest, determined, intelligent and industrious people, naturally a rich garden spot, it is but reasonable that Flora should be what it is—a township of great floral beauty and attractiveness.

In 1859, the people of Flora Township, and those of North Franklin Township, DeKalb County, living adjacent to the county line, united and built a church edifice that is known as the Union Church. The building is a frame structure, and cost \$1,800. The leading men in this undertaking were Alfred Banks, E. J. Pullen, Lewis Keith, John Bailey, Samuel McKee, James Farley, and Adam Klein. Elder W. F. Gray preached the dedicatory sermon. Rev. W. D. Skelton, Methodist Episcopal, at that time was laboring on that circuit, and Rev. Joseph Gifford, a preacher of the Free-Will Baptist faith, was the pastor of that people. Rev. Mr. Freeman, a Wesleyan Methodist, was also laboring among the people at the time, and occupied the building in common with the other denominations. The present pastors are, Rev. A. H. Seconmaker, Methodist Episcopal, and Rev. Mr. Yandoren, Wesleyan Methodist.

Flora Grange, No. 526, was organized June 26, 1873. It has a good hall, and is in good working order. The officers are: F. L. Hall, W. M.; F. S. Weber, W. O.; Laura Bowen, W. L.; Samuel Robinson, Steward; W. J. Graves, W. A. Steward; Joseph Witter, W. C.; Lydia Graves, W. Treas.; G. H. Graves, W. Sec.; Edwin Dean, G. K.; Cassie M. Lambert, Corrs; Annie Hall, Poona; Ella Delavergne, Flora; Ellen Gallagher, Assistant Sec. At; Maggie Russell, Chorister. Grange meets every Saturday night.

One thing in Flora excites curiosity. When first settled boulders or surface rocks were unknown. As the country has grown older and been subjected to cultivation, these boulders have appeared, some of them so large and heavy that two good horses can not move them. Where did they come from? Has some internal action of the earth forced them to the surface? These are questions for scientists to answer. On the farms of Messrs. J. V. Drapel, J. I. Witbeck, and J. T. Wibbeck, many of these boulders are to be seen.

LEROY.

This township in early times was first known and designated as Lamberton precinct. The first claims were made by James B. and Jeremiah A. Lambert, in the fall of 1836. These men were unmarried, and made their home in Bonus Prairie. The first actual settlers were John Langdon and family, and his brothers, who settled in a grove at the northeast corner of Long Prairie, in the fall of 1836, where they built the first cabin of this township. The wife of John Langdon died in the winter of 1837-8. This was the first death among the settlers of the township. She was buried in the corner of the grove. Soon after the Langdons came in, four brothers by the name of Chamberlain made a claim on Round Prairie, where one of them (Joseph) is still living. These brothers were all single men, and worked around wherever they could find work to do. In April, 1837, John Wright and family also made a claim in Round Prairie, and built the first house in Round Prairie. Mr. Wright is still living on the same land where he first settled, at the ripe old age of seventy-eight years. In the fall of 1837, Levi Hammon and family settled at the southwest part of Round Prairie, and here in April, 1838, the first sermon preached in the township, was delivered by Rev. L. S. Walker, of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Walker continued to preach in the neighborhood every four weeks for about one year. In the winter of 1838-9 a school house was built near the residence of Mr. Hammon, in which a school was taught in the summer of 1839. This school house was also used as a place of worship for two or three years.

The first election in the precinct was held at the house of John Wright in August, 1837. James B. Lambert, John Wright and Allen Carpenter were judges of the election. Only twelve votes were polled, but the polls were not closed till late in the evening, and it was well on towards morning of the next day before the votes were counted and the tally sheet made out. John Wright and James B. Lambert were elected justices of the peace, and Gibson Wright and Alfred Chamberlain, constables. At the next election for constables, Ormond Haydon, the owner of the only horse in the township, and that was a brindled ox, was elected. This ox had been broken to the saddle, was a fast trotter, making 3:20 in the slough, and because of the possession of this animal, he was chosen as constable.

The first church was built by the Methodist Episcopal society, in 1862, at Union Corners, at a cost of \$2,500. It will seat about three hundred persons. It is a good building, the only church edifice in the township, a credit thereto, as well as to the people that built and maintain it.

The first post-office was established in 1839, and was called Amazon. It was located on the southwest corner of section twenty-seven. Robert B. Furd was appointed post-master, and held the office till his death, about 1848-9. In January, 1848, another post-office was established in the northeast part of the township, and called Burton's Corners. Benjamin P. Patton was appointed post-master. Mr. Patton held this office until the completion of the C. & N. W. Railway through to Sharon, Wisconsin, when the office was removed to Sharon, and he resigned.

Three good cheese factories are in successful operation in this township, employing an aggregate capital of \$30,000. The population of the township is about 1,500, and is strictly agricultural in their pursuits.

MANCHESTER.

When Boone County was organized this township was designated as Manchester precinct. The first settlements were made about 1836-7, but the settlers of 1836 were but few. The first settlers of whom we can get any direct knowledge were Kolin Gray, a Mr. Hammon (whose first name is lost), Alvin Oddy, William Ward and Luther Linderman. Of these, Kolin Gray and Luther Linderman are the only ones remaining in the township.

The first justices of the peace were Rosel Campbell and Hiram Hopkins; first constable, Amasa Nobles. The first school in the precinct was taught by Mary Jane Campbell, wife of Horace Campbell. It was taught in 1841, in a private house, now the property of William Peters, on section nine. Mr. A. B. Wadsworth was the first post-master, and the name of the post-office entered upon the postal records as Hunter. It was established about 1844. His successor was William Wadsworth.

The first church organized in the township was by the Methodist Episcopal people, in 1839, when Rev. Leander Walker and Nathan Jewett instituted a class. William Linderman, Luther Linderman and W. Wood were the active members of this class. Services were held in private residences until the building of school houses, since when they have been used as places of worship. At one time \$1,300 had been subscribed to build a church edifice, but some dissensions arising as to the choice of a location, the enterprise fell through, and the school house at Fisher's Corners is the regular place of meeting. The present pastor is Rev. George Hobbs; membership, twenty-four. There is no other church organization in the township.

The Grange has an organization known as the Manchester Grange No. 709. It was organized Nov. 7, 1873. R. G. Farrar is Worthy Master; Thomas Bamlet, Overseer; George Swensen, Steward; Wilson Bennett and Miss Mary L. Bennett, Assistant Stewards; A. H. Manly, Secretary; Jake Cass, Treasurer; W. W. Casper, Lecturer; B. F. Linderman, Chaplain; Melvin Hill, Gate Keeper; Mrs. R. H. Farrar, Ceres; Mrs. M. E. Hinckley, Pomona; Miss Flora Marston, Flora; membership, sixty-four. Meet on Saturday or before the full of the moon.

SPRING.

Until the adoption of the township organization system, the territory embraced in Spring township was known as Ohio precinct. The first settlement was made in 1835 by John Handy, at what is now known as Reest's corners, four and a half miles east of south from Belvidere, and two miles west of Slattuck's Grove. In the early part of 1835, Alfred Slattuck and wife and two sons (Harlyn, aged twenty years, and F. H., aged about twelve), left Painesville, Geauga county, Ohio, to find a new home in Illinois. Arriving in Dupage county, twenty-seven miles from Chicago, they rented a farm from a man named Swast, and raised a crop of corn. In the latter part of September of that year, Alfred Slattuck and his son, Harlyn, came out to the Kishwaukee country to select claims, which they made in the

grave that bears their name. The elder Shattuck returned to Dupage county to take care of his crop, and Harlin remained to prepare a cabin, make rails for fencing purposes, etc., boarding with John Handy, who had preceded them a few weeks, and who was already settled. The first work Harlin did was to cut and gather some old grass of the previous year's growth on which to feed a yoke of cattle he had brought up from Dupage county. A small quantity of corn meal was mixed with this old grass and thus rendered a substitute for more substantial fodder. In February following the balance of the family came up. The log cabin for which Harlin had cut the logs was soon after raised on the grounds occupied by Harlin's present residence, of which the family took possession before fully completed. The doors, window casings, pantry shelving, etc., were made of bass wood puncheons dressed down. The flooring was made of the same kind of material. The roofing was made of oak clapboards, made by hand, and held in place by weight-poles, between which knees were placed to separate at the proper distances. At that date there were in that settlement, John Handy and family, Erasmus Shattuck, wife, three sons and one daughter, and Alfred Shattuck and family (already mentioned; Erasmus Shattuck and John Handy had come together in their new house, the last of February or first of March, 1836; there were not to exceed fifteen persons in the settlement. In the spring of 1836 the Blatchfords, Curtis Bros and John Baxter joined the settlers. Of the Blatchfords there were the father, mother and three sons, Stephen, James and Francis. The Curtis Bros. were unmarried and kept a bachelor's hall. McVeigh and Bruce came soon after, and Dr. Orris Crosby was the next one to put in an appearance. During that summer and fall there was quite a rush of immigrants to that neighborhood. At the first election in the precinct, held at the house of Alfred Shattuck, in the spring of 1838, Alfred Shattuck and William M. Britt were judges, P. S. Crittenden and William Dresser were clerks. Alfred Shattuck and P. S. Crittenden were elected justices of the peace, offices which they continued to fill for several years. Stephen DeWolf and Ir. Gould were elected constables.

The first school house in the township was a log structure, built on what is now the Gleason farm, in section twenty-one. Lucy Barnett was the first teacher. She afterwards became the wife of John Q. A. Rollins.

P. S. Crittenden was the next teacher. There are now ten school houses in the township, and four fractional, or union districts—that is, territory attached to districts in adjoining townships for school purposes.

Jennette Handy, daughter of John and Celinda Handy, has the honor to be the first female child born in the township. She married William Dawson but died four years later.

The male claimants for a similar honor were Henry Crittenden and Owen Handy. Henry Crittenden grew to manhood's estate and married Laura Rae. At the breaking out of the war he enlisted with the Galena Zouaves, and was killed in the battle of Fort Donelson.

Dr. Orris Crosby was the first physician to locate in the precinct, but he starved out in a year or two, and sought other fields for practice. Dr. Angell, now of Belvidere, also tried it once or twice, but finally located permanently in Belvidere.

There has never been a church building erected in the township, although religious services are frequent, the several school houses being open at all times for such purposes. A majority of the people attend divine service at Belvidere. Neither has there ever been a post-office established in the township.

The name of the township is derived from its great primitive beauty in spring time, and was so christened when the township organization system was adopted.

A little episode in the pioneer experience of Harlin Shattuck may not be ill-timed in closing this sketch. In March, 1836, his oxen got tired of their fodder, and escaping from their enclosure, strayed away. Presuming they had gone towards Dupage county, from whence they had been brought, he started in pursuit in that direction. The cattle had some hours the start. The first night out, he stayed over night at the house of John Hamilton, in Pleasant Grove, twelve miles distant. A storm of rain and snow had come on, settling down into a regular hail of sleet and cold. When he reached the south fork of the north branch of the Kishwaukee, a small stream usually but swollen by the late rains, it was a torrent of running (anchovy) ice. His cattle had crossed the evening previous. It was eight miles to the nearest house in any direction. The storm was howling furiously, and the wind and atmosphere piercingly cold. There was but one thing for Harlin to do—cross the icy stream. But how? That was the question. There was neither canoe, dug-out nor raft. There was but one way of crossing, and that was to wade. To do so with his clothes on was only to invite death by freezing after he had crossed. But true to the energy and determination of his nature, he stripped to tie "buff," holding his clothes above his head, pushed into the icy bath and waded across, the water and ice coming up to his chest. He made the passage in safety, and by the time he had dressed himself after crossing, he was in a perfect perspiration. In speaking of the adventure now, he says it was a cold experience, but one that left no injurious influence. Resuming his tramp, he came up with his oxen on the bank of Fox river, about half way between Elgin and Dundee, where they had taken shelter from the storm in a grove of timber and underbrush. Such were the experiences of at least one of the early settlers of Spring township, now a thickly populated and wealthy municipality.

Names and Dates of Election of

SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTING BOONE COUNTY IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

SENATORS.

Geo. W. Harrison, elected Aug. '38. (Zenias Appleington, elected Nov., '60.
Ira Minard, elected Aug., 1843. (Cornelius Lansing, elected Novem-
ber, 1864.
Elijah Wilcox, elected Aug., 1846.
Alfred E. Ames, elected Aug., 1848. (A. C. Fuller, elected Nov., 1868.
Thos. B. Talcott, elected Nov., 1852. (John Early, elected Nov., 1872.
Waite Talcott, elected Nov., 1856. (John Early, elected Nov., 1876.

REPRESENTATIVES.

John Phelps, elected Aug., 1838.
 Robt. J. Cross, elected Aug., 1838.
 Thompson Campbell, elected Aug., 1840.
 Thos. Drummond, elected Aug., 1840.
 Henry Madden, elected Aug., 1842.
 Wm. M. Jackson, elected Aug., '42.
 Wm. M. Jackson, elected Aug., '44.
 James S. Loop, elected Aug., 1844.
 E. G. Jewell, elected Aug., 1844.
 George W. Kretzinger, elected Aug., 1846.
 Jas. Harrington, elected Aug., '46.
 James T. Pierson, elected Aug., '46.
 John F. Gray, elected Aug., 1848.
 Selby Leach, elected Aug., 1848.
 A. H. Nixon, elected Nov., 1850.
 George Gage, elected Nov., 1850.
 H. Miller, elected Nov., 1852.
 A. H. Nixon, elected Nov., 1852.
 R. C. Miller, elected Nov., 1854.
 A. H. Nixon, elected Nov., 1854.
 S. W. Lawrence, elected Nov., 1856.
 W. Diggrins, elected Nov., 1856.

CIRCUIT JUDGES.

Dan Stone, 1839 to 1841.
 Thomas C. Brown, 1841 to 1847.
 Jesse B. Thomas, 1847 to 1849.
 Hugh Henderson, 1849 to 1851.
 Isaac G. Wilson, 1851 to 1861.
 Allen C. Fuller, 1861 to 1862, when, having been appointed Adjt. Gen. of the State by Richard Yates Governor, he resigned the office of judge. Theodore D. Murphy was elected circuit judge in 1862, and still holds the office.

CLERKS.

Seth S. Whitman, 1839 to 1849.
 Noah W. Birge, 1849 to 1850, when he departed this life, and in April, 1850, Stephen C. Gooding was appointed clerk by Hugh Henderson, then circuit judge. Gooding held the office until December, 1876, when James W. Sawyer, the present clerk, was elected.

STATE'S ATTORNEYS.

Shelton L. Hall, 1839 to 1843.
 Joseph B. Wells, 1843 to 1845.
 James L. Loop, 1845 to 1846.
 Thomas L. Turner, 1846 to 1847.
 W. A. Bardsman, 1847 to 1849.
 Alonzo Platt, 1849 to 1851.
 P. W. Platt, 1851 to 1852.
 Amos B. Coon, 1852 to 1853.

RECORD OF COUNTY AND TOWN OFFICERS, ETC.

The following is an official record of the public officers of Boone County, from the first election on the first Monday in May, 1837, to the last regular election in November, 1876:

May, 1837. County Commissioners—Milton S. Mason, Cornelius Cline, John Q. A. Rollins. John K. Townner was appointed Treasurer, May 3, 1837; D. H. Whitney, Clerk of the County Commissioners' Court, same date. Simon P. Doty was elected Sheriff; John Handy, Coroner; Seth S. Whitman, Recorder; and S. F. Hyde, Surveyor.

The next election was held in August, 1837. D. H. Whitney was elected County Clerk, and John K. Townner, County Treasurer.

August, 1838. County Commissioners—Moses Blood, Orris Crosby and John K. Townner. [After this date, until the adoption of the township organization system, only one commissioner was elected annually, unless vacancies occurred in the board by reason of death or resignation.] Sheriff, H. C. Walker. [He resigned in 1839, and B. F. Lawrence was elected to fill vacancy, Dec. 2, 1839.] Coroner, John Handy.

In December, 1838, the office of the Clerk of the County Court was declared vacant, and James L. Loop was appointed to the vacancy.

Aug. 5, 1839. County Commissioner, Robt. B. Hurd; County Clerk, Jas. L. Loop; Recorder, Alexander Neely; Treasurer, Copias Gardner; Surveyor, Geo. F. Kaason. September, 1839, James M. Loop was appointed Deputy County Clerk. In September, 1840, he resigned his position, and J. Z. Saxton was appointed to the vacancy.

August, 1840. Sheriff, Albert Stone; Coroner, Edward Hawley; Commissioner, Jas. Shinn. In May, 1841, George Walker was appointed Deputy County Clerk, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Saxton, as Deputy.

June, 1841. The office of County Clerk was declared to be vacant, and John Z. Saxton was appointed to fill the vacancy.

August, 1841. Commissioner, Orris Crosby; County Clerk, Asher E. Jenner. Nov. 13. James Shinn and Orris Crosby resigned their offices as County Commissioners. A special election was held Dec. 13, 1841, to fill the vacancies, when S. P. Doty and Nathaniel Crosby were elected, to serve two and three years, from August, 1841. Doty and Crosby drew lots for terms, Crosby drawing the three-years term.

August, 1842. Sheriff, Wm. Smith; Naham Rice, Coroner; and Edw. Hawley, Commissioner.

August, 1843. Commissioner, Thomas Hartwell; Clerk, Ralph D. Rix; Recorder, Wm. T. Burgess; Treasurer, Samuel Bennett; Surveyor, Daniel Towbridge.

August, 1844. Sheriff, Joel Florida; Coroner, Chas. E. Lord; Commissioner, Albert Neely.

August, 1845. Commissioner, A. L. Bush.

August, 1846. Sheriff, Joel Florida; Commissioner, Abraham Drake; Coroner, John L. Bush. October 19th, a special election for County Commissioners was held, to fill vacancy occasioned by resignation of Alexander Neely.

April 19, 1847, at a special election, M. C. Bentley was elected County Commissioner.

August, 1847. Recorder, Hezekiah Ripley; Commissioner, Sidney Avery; Clerk, Ralph D. Rix; Assessor and Treasurer, Edward Hawley; Surveyor, Daniel Trowbridge; Probate Justice, Joel Walker.

August, 1848. Sheriff, Alson L. Ames; Commissioner, Charles W. Libby; Coroner, Christopher Burrell.

Sept. 4, 1848. Special election. Noah W. Birge was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court.

November, 1849. County Judge, Daniel H. Whitney; Assessor and Treasurer, Samuel Bennett; Surveyor, Daniel Trowbridge.

April 26, 1850. John Jackson, County Clerk. Resigned, and May 17th, H. Ripley was appointed to the vacancy.

In 1850, the township organization system went into effect. The time of holding county elections was changed from August to November, and the time for the election of Supervisors fixed for April in each year. At the first election for Supervisors, the following board was chosen: *

November, 1850. Recorder, Daniel Olney; County Clerk, H. Ripley. [Died May 5, 1851, and A. J. Tanner was appointed to fill the vacancy.]

Coroner, John K. Toerner; Sheriff, Joel Florida.

November, 1851. County Clerk, A. J. Tanner.

November, 1852. Clerk Circuit Court, Fayette B. Hawlin; Sheriff, George I. Wood; Coroner, George Deam.

November, 1853. County Judge, Hiram C. Miller; County Clerk, Leonard M. Beebe; Treasurer, George W. Downs; Surveyor, Yues V. Beebe. Mr. Beebe died while in office, Sept. 15, 1857, and William McVicker was appointed to the vacancy.

November, 1854. County Judge, Daniel H. Whitney; Sheriff, Hanson R. Wilson; Coroner, L. L. Lake.

Nov. 6, 1855. Treasurer, A. E. Jenner; Surveyor, E. L. Lawrence.

Nov. 4, 1856. County Judge, Allen C. Fuller; Clerk Circuit Court, Daniel H. Whitney; Sheriff, Elias L. Tisdell; Coroner, L. L. Lake.

Nov. 6, 1857. County Judge, A. C. Fuller; Clerk, A. H. Bradley; Treasurer, A. E. Jenner; Surveyor, William McVicker.

Nov. 2, 1858. Sheriff, Henry F. Jenkinson; Coroner, L. L. Lake.

Nov. 8, 1859. Treasurer, H. C. DeMunn; Surveyor, E. L. Lawrence.

Nov. 6, 1860. Clerk Circuit Court, D. H. Whitney; Sheriff, P. J. Garcelon; Coroner, D. E. Foote.

June 3, 1861. (Special election.) M. M. Boyce was elected County Judge.

Nov. 5, 1861. County Judge, M. M. Boyce; Clerk, A. H. Bradley; Treasurer, William C. Tuttle; Surveyor, E. L. Lawrence.

Nov. 4, 1862. Sheriff, John H. Andrus; Coroner, D. E. Foote.

Nov. 3, 1863. Treasurer, Enoch Kendall; Surveyor, E. L. Lawrence.

Nov. 8, 1864. Clerk Circuit Court, H. C. DeMunn; Sheriff, P. J. Garcelon; Coroner, L. L. Lake.

Nov. 7, 1865. County Judge, L. W. Lawrence; Clerk, C. B. Loop; Surveyor, E. L. Lawrence; Treasurer, Enoch Kendall.

Nov. 6, 1866. Sheriff, L. O. Gilman; Coroner, D. E. Foote.

Nov. 5, 1867. Treasurer, Enoch Kendall; Surveyor, E. L. Lawrence.

November, 1868. Clerk Circuit Court, H. C. DeMunn; Sheriff, J. C. Styles; Coroner, D. E. Foote. (In September, 1869, L. O. Gilman was

*The record of the several Boards of Supervisors, from April, 1850, to April, 1877, will be found on the following page.

appointed to fill the vacancy in the Treasurer's office caused by the removal of Enoch Kendall.)

November, 1868. Treasurer, L. O. Gilman; County Judge, L. W. Lawrence; Clerk, C. B. Loop; Surveyor, E. L. Lawrence.

November, 1870. Sheriff, R. E. Osgood; Coroner, D. E. Foote.

November, 1871. Treasurer, John Gray; Surveyor, Charles S. Moss.

November, 1872. Clerk Circuit Court, H. C. DeMunn; Sheriff, S. L. Corey; Coroner, D. E. Foote.

November, 1873. County Judge, L. W. Lawrence; Clerk, C. B. Loop.

(Mr. Loop resigned March 13, 1876, and F. I. Hall was appointed to the vacancy.)

Treasurer, A. E. Jenner.

November, 1874. Sheriff, S. L. Corey; Coroner, G. W. Robinson.

November, 1875. Treasurer, Daniel Wilcox; Surveyor, Charles S. Moss.

November, 1876. Clerk Circuit Court, J. W. Sawyer; Sheriff, S. L. Corey; Coroner, F. S. Whitman; Surveyor, C. S. Moss.

Wm. McVicker and D. H. Whitney were appointed Deputy County Clerks, in September, 1857, but filled that position only a short time.

Mary Boyce was appointed Deputy County Clerk in March, 1865, and filled that position six years.

Jas. S. Terwilliger was appointed Deputy County Clerk, in 1860, and held that position a year.

Simmons Terwilliger was appointed Deputy County Clerk in November, 1861, and remained in that position seven or eight months.

Chester S. Crosby was appointed Deputy County Clerk in July, 1862, and filled that position two or three years.

Geo. W. Wilbur was appointed Deputy County Clerk and filled that position for two years.

Willis H. Bennett was appointed Deputy County Clerk in July, 1875, under C. B. Loop, and afterwards under F. I. Hall, in March, 1877, and is still holding that position.

H. C. DeMunn was appointed Deputy Circuit Clerk in 1859, under D. H. Whitney, and held that position for four years. Mr. Whitney died before his term of office expired, and Mr. H. C. DeMunn was appointed to fill the vacancy. Col. L. O. Gilman and Miss Addie Whitney, now Mrs. W. S. Jones, were appointed his Deputies.

RECORD OF SUPERVISORS.

Election First Monday in April, Annually.

1850.—Frederick P. Low, Nathaniel Crosby, Henry Jenks, Charles W. Libby, William Raymond, Hiram C. Miller, Isaac Miller, Charles B. Lord.

1851.—Cephas Gardner, Martin G. Gilbert, Isaac Mitchell, Isaac Miller, Mason Smith, F. P. Low, M. C. Manley, M. C. Bentley.

1852.—Cephas Gardner, M. Y. Gilbert, M. C. Manley, John Kerr, James C. Good, Isaac Miller, John I. Ours, F. B. Bennett.

1853.—Samuel Rootwood, R. D. Rix, M. Y. Gilbert, M. C. Manley, John Prindle, Joseph P. Woods, Isaac Miller, J. L. Curtis.

1854.—Isaac R. Miller, Joseph P. Woods, Amos Older, F. P. Low, R. D. Rix, M. C. Manley, Abraham Drake, C. F. Witt.

1855.—R. D. Rix, M. Y. Gilbert, F. P. Low, Isaac Miller, Bradford Dean, C. F. Witt, Hiram Hopkins, Amos Older.

- 1866.—C. F. Witt, Daniel Mabie, Joseph P. Woods, M. C. Bentley, Stephen Lambert, R. D. Rix, M. Y. Gilbert, Hiram Hopkins.
- 1867.—Theo. Grant, M. Y. Gilbert, B. P. Patten, A. M. Miller, Daniel Mabie, F. P. Low, C. F. Witt, R. D. Rix.
- 1868.—Theo. Grant, M. Y. Gilbert, R. D. Rix, Ely Gordon, C. F. Witt, C. H. Avery, W. S. Webster, B. P. Patten. Up to this date the Board of Supervisors was composed of eight members, one from each township, but the Belvidere special charter went into operation, and by virtue of it the President of the Town Board was made *ex-officio* a member of the Board of Supervisors, increasing the number to nine members.
- 1869.—Theo. Grant, Thomas Brown, Geo. Dean, Cephus Gardner, J. J. Bogardus, C. F. Witt, C. H. Avery, M. C. Bentley, B. F. Patten.
- 1860.—Theo. Grant, M. Y. Gilbert, Cephus Gardner, E. L. Tidell, Stephen Lambert, Geo. Chafee, L. W. Lawrence, James Alexander, B. F. Patten.
- 1861.—Theo. Grant, Cephus Gardner, H. J. Doolittle, Stephen Lambert, George Chafee, L. W. Lawrence, James Alexander, B. P. Patten, M. Y. Gilbert.
- 1862.—B. P. Patten, Theo. Grant, M. Y. Gilbert, George Chafee, S. P. Lane, Cephus Gardner, E. H. Reynolds, I. R. Bogardus, W. S. Webster.
- 1863.—Cephus Gardner, Mark Ramsey, Stephen Curtis, I. R. Bogardus, W. S. Webster, B. F. Patten, A. H. Manley, Wm. Corning, I. T. Witbeck.
- 1864.—A. H. Manley, M. Y. Gilbert, Cephus Gardner, M. M. Boyce, I. T. Witbeck, George Reed, I. R. Bogardus, W. S. Webster, B. P. Patten.
- 1865.—L. W. Lawrence, John W. Stow, Stephen Lambert, M. Y. Gilbert, George Reed, G. W. Woodward, J. S. Hildrnp, A. H. Manley, B. P. Patten.
- 1866.—A. H. Manley, B. P. Patten, George Chafee, I. R. Bogardus, E. H. Talbot, Daniel E. Foote, Isaac Sewell, J. Alexander, Stephen Lambert.
- 1867.—George Chafee, F. P. Low, T. S. Bartholomew, H. E. Fox, Clark Heath, B. P. Patten, F. J. Garcelon, M. Y. Gilbert, A. Lawrence.
- 1868.—H. E. Fox, Geo. Chafee, C. W. Heath, C. Gardner, B. P. Patten, C. H. Wilson, F. I. Hall, M. Y. Gilbert, W. R. Dodge.
- 1869.—Ezra May, H. E. Fox, C. Gardner, Alex. McNair, F. I. Hall, Silas DeMunn, Geo. Reed, C. W. Heath, C. H. Wilson.
- 1870.—Charles H. Wilson, Alex. McNair, E. May, H. E. Fox, John J. Foote, C. F. Witt, C. W. Heath, F. I. Hall, B. F. Langdon.
- 1871.—C. F. Witt, J. J. Foote, M. Y. Gilbert, H. W. Pier, Silas DeMunn, C. W. Heath, I. A. Cornell, Frank Tanner, W. F. Hovey.
- In April, 1872, an Assistant Supervisor for Belvidere was elected, making ten members.
- 1872.—J. J. Foote, I. R. Bogardus, Henry Willard, William D. Boies, Henry Porter, Ezra May, Silas DeMunn, F. I. Hall, I. A. Cornell, Abram Drake.
- 1873.—M. Y. Gilbert, Silas DeMunn, H. W. Pier, I. T. Witbeck, I. V. Draper, I. A. Cornell, W. D. Boies, H. R. Willard, Samuel Wood, Stephen Lambert.
- 1874.—H. R. Willard, I. A. Cornell, Geo. Chafee, M. K. Avery, Philo Conyes, I. V. Draper, L. Whiting, S. Lambert, C. L. Smith, I. T. Witbeck.
- 1875.—George Chafee, H. R. Willard, O. S. Nichols, Frank Tanner.

P. Conyes, L. Whiting, I. A. Cornell, S. Lambert, John Greenlee, George W. March.

1876.—George Chafee, H. R. Willard, I. V. Draper, I. A. Cornell, P. Conyes, James Montgomery, S. Lambert, John Greenlee, G. W. Robinson, O. S. Nichols.

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POLITICAL AND PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS, ETC.

The pioneers of '35 came to Boone County bold, fearless, industrious men. Full of enterprise and fixedness of purpose, they planted a little colony of thirty-seven persons, all told (in October, 1835), that, growing year by year in numbers and intelligence, until now (1877) the population equals forty-seven persons to the square mile. Each and all of these pioneers of '35, as well as those of the other early years of the settlement of the Kishwaukee country of the Fortawatomies, had their peculiarities and their humors, antipathies and preferences, politics and prejudices. To note some of these and preserve them in this volume is our purpose, hoping that, though snatched from the dim, distant past, they will serve to kindle afresh the memories "O' auld lang syne."

In those days the people were divided between the Whigs and Democrats. Coming to and settling on the unbroken wilds of Illinois, then in the far West, did not emancipate them from their political preferences or prejudices, and in the presidential election of 1836 the party lines were as clearly defined and as tightly drawn, although only twenty-three votes were polled in the Belvidere precinct, as if there had been as many thousands. The poll-book of that election, preserved among the records of the county clerk's office at Rockford, shows the names of these twenty-three voters. Of these only Simon P. Doty and David Caswell are living; the latter now a resident of Iowa.

As long as the Whig party preserved its organization, the contest between them and the Democrats was close. When an important national question was to be voted upon, the Democrats (in later years as the population increased) would usually carry the county by from fifty to one hundred majority. In local contests, the Whigs (always putting up their best men as candidates to be voted for) would usually succeed by small majorities. They never nominated any man for office that he might be sacrificed on the altar of some other man's ambition.

In the August election of 1838, party candidates were first presented to the people for their suffrage. Simon P. Doty was the Whig candidate for sheriff, and H. C. Walker was the candidate of the Democratic party. Walker was elected by six majority, but resigned in 1839.

The Whigs held their nominating convention that year at the house of Simon P. Doty. A public house, and the only public house in Belvidere at that time, it was a place of resort for Democrats as well as Whigs. On this particular occasion, there being a good deal of interest in the result of the convention, nearly all the voters of the precinct were gathered in and about the Congress. Just as the convention adjourned, the Democratic candidate for Congress in this district—then embracing nearly all of northern Illinois—arrived in town, and the Democrats at once determined to have a

Democratic rally and a Democratic speech. (The name of the candidate for Congressional honors and Democratic votes in that campaign has escaped the memory of our informant, but we think it must have been Stephen A. Douglas.) Dr. Molony was then an active Democrat, and he soon had the Democrats all mustered in a store-room adjoining Doty's hotel, and called the meeting to order by nominating a gentleman for chairman who was in now-a-days familiar with parliamentary usages, and withal very helpful and particularly noted for his economy of words. When he had taken the chair, a dry goods box or a hat keg being improvised for the occasion, Dr. Molony made the further motion that, as the Democratic candidate for Congress had visited their midst, and was then present in the house, that he be requested to make them a speech. Full of trepidation, the chairman attempted to put the motion; but the words would stick in his throat. Three or four times he essayed to get the question before the house, but as often failed. Dr. Molony seeing and appreciating the situation, sought to relieve the chairman, and said that the meeting understood the motion, and all that was necessary was to call for the ayes and nays. Making another desperate effort, the chairman said: "It has been motioned and seconded that the Democratic candidate for Congress be requested to make a Democratic speech to the meeting. All in favor of the motion *sanctify* it by saying I." This sanctification brought down the house in a roar, in the midst of which the Democratic candidate stepped forward, doffed his coon-skin cap, mounted a convenient barrel, and proceeded to comply with the *sanctified* request of the meeting. That, says our informant, was the first speech from a Democratic candidate for Congress delivered in Boone County.

An anecdote is told of Simon P. Doty in connection with the log cabin and hard cider campaign of 1840, when the Whigs sang of "Tippecanoe and Tyler too," as well as of "Tom Corwin, the wagon boy," that may not be out of place in this connection. Mr. Doty, in those days, was a man of wonderful physical development—tall, muscular, and as straight as an arrow, lithe and active as a cat, of great strength and fearless as a lion, there were not many men his equal in strength or daring; yet always a mild and courteous gentleman, but full of humor and ready to perpetrate a joke or "play a trick" on any occasion that offered. A leading Whig, he was chosen a delegate from Boone County in 1840 to attend the State convention at Springfield that year, to select delegates to the National Whig convention. There were neither railroads nor stage coaches in the direction of the State capital then. The only conveyance was by ox wagons. Fitting out one of these, laying in a supply of provisions, cooking utensils, etc., Doty and those who accompanied him, started out for the State convention. Scarcely a day out, they fell in with other teams, and still others and others, until they strung out over a mile or two in length. Camping out at night, they sang Whig songs, told Whig jokes, drank Whig cider, and bet on Whig majorities and the election of Gen. Harrison. Nearing Springfield, and when only a short distance out they stopped to dress up a little—to change their camp apparel for clothes a little more becoming president-makers. One man out of the crowd with whom they had fallen in company, a little "riper" than the others, had provided himself with a pocket mirror, and wishing to "scraper his countenance," he got out his mirror, fastened it up against a tree, and proceeded to "scratch his face." Noticing his extreme fastidiousness, Doty went to a wagon, procured an axe, went to a white-oak



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tree and chipped or "blazed" off a piece of the bark, then got his razor and proceeded to shave himself thereby, much to the amusement of those who saw the joke. Some years later, Doty had occasion to travel through Michigan, and at one of his stopping places, incurred, by some means, the displeasure of a rough sort of fellow, who proposed, in back-woods parlance, to "eat Doty up." Ignorant of having given occasion for such an outburst of rage on the other's part, Doty took the matter quite coolly. But the man raged on, and began stripping for the fray. Another personage present, a hitherto silent spectator, volunteered a little friendly advice to the belligerent, but for a time his advice was unheeded. Eat Doty up, he would. He had made up his mind to do it, and he was a man that never went back on his mind or his word. At last the man of peace told him that Doty was not made to be eaten up by wolverines; that he was an ill-nuisance, and a man who always shaved himself by the light reflected from a "blazed" place on a white-oak tree! and that he had seen him do it! That quieted the rage of the wolverine, and he put on his clothes, ordered "hard cider" for the crowd, and for the balance of the evening Doty was the lion and the observed of all observers.

As early as December, 1835, a political meeting was held in Belvidere. Dr. Whitney's letters locate that meeting at the Belvidere Hotel. The Belvidere Hotel, as we gather from Mr. Doty, was not built until 1836. The first house occupied by Mr. Doty was perhaps regarded as a hotel, and it was probably in that house the meeting referred to was held. It was a Whig meeting, and Mr. Doty was the presiding officer; Dr. Whitney the secretary, and E. A. Nixon and Mason Sherman made up the rank and file. With a unanimity worthy of imitation by all political conventions, they adopted resolutions and sent them to the *Chicago American*, the predecessor of the *Chicago Journal*, and published to the world their determination to elect General Harrison to the presidency in 1836. This, however, was not accomplished until 1840. In speaking of this convention in his reminiscences, Dr. Whitney grew poetical and concluded with these lines:

"From wild Madanaka's dark forest of pines,
To the far fertile glades where the Kishwaukee flows,
True sons of their fathers, the heroes combined,
And shook off the yoke of their tyrants and foes."

In the same letter from which the above is quoted, referring to the Fourth of July, 1836, Dr. Whitney said:

"Young morn shook from her purple wings as glorious a Fourth as ever kissed Aurora's cheek when she unbarred the gates of light, and no more patriotic and grateful hearts beat in American bosoms on that glorious day than did those of the settlers of Boone, as with all the artillery at our command, an old rifle, a tolerable shot gun, and a pocket pistol, the old settlers took their position on the mound, raised a liberty pole from which fluttered in the breeze a *pocket handkerchief* having the portraits of the presidents around its border, and being the nearest approach to a national flag of anything in these 'diggings.' We read the Declaration of Independence, fired a national salute, gave three times three that frightened the Indian from his wigwam and the red deer from his covert. And then, with Charley Watkins leading, we joined in singing:

'Strawberries and cream in the morning—
I'll deck her with peas,
If she'll be my girl,
And follow me over the mountain.'

We tramped to the edge of the timber on the northwest side of the prairie, and in a few hours returned with our pails filled with strawberries, and closed the first national jubilee in this far off land in the spirit of the poet who wrote:

"Thy spirit, Independence, let me share,
I'll eat the lion heart and eagle eye;
Thy steps we'll follow with our beacons bare,
Nor heed the storms that howl along the sky."

In another letter the same writer says that the most magnificent event that transpired in this country in those days was the burning over of the prairies in the fall of the year. The flames would spread in time of high wind with such rapidity that the fleetest horse could not keep in advance of them; and it is said that persons have been overtaken by them and perished in the flames. "In traveling over the country in those days, we carried matches with us in order to burn the prairie before us if we were likely to be overtaken by the fire. Late in the fall of 1835, I rode until the shades of night came on, and then dismounted, tethered my horse and turned him loose to graze. I had stopped on a little burr oak ridge, surrounded by sloughs and a vast extent of low lands, overgrown with an immense burden of vegetation. I wrapped myself in my cloak, and with the ground for a bed and the sky for a covering, I stretched myself at the root of a tree, and curtained with more than Egyptian darkness I endeavored to compose myself to sleep. The fall had been unusually dry, and the weeds and grass were like tinder. I had not lain long when my ear caught a heavy, jarring sound that made the earth tremble; and the dark clouds that lay piled up at the west put on a deep crimson hue, that was soon succeeded by a brilliant light that ascended from the earth; suddenly, for miles in length, the fire spread rapidly over the rolling prairie that intervened, and the "prairies on fire" shook beneath the angry tread of this volume of flame, that, careering before the gale, approached with inconceivable rapidity. I had no time to look for my horse, but, lighted a match and set fire to the grass. My horse, frightened by the fiery element that now nearly surrounded us, came to me with all the speed he could bring into requisition, and with such screaming confidence did he approach me for succor that he came well-nigh running over me. I took up my saddle, my horse sticking close by me, and followed the fire I had set on the ground over which it had passed, to a safe distance from the all devouring flames that had now reached the more exuberant growth of the lowlands, from which the deer, aroused from his covert, bounded off among the scattering trees, and the wild geese arose from the ponds of the sloughs, and flew screaming in every direction, and the wolf, frightened from his hiding place, ran howling from the approaching ruin. The fire caught the deep-angled vegetation of the lowlands, and driven madly on by the winds that it had called up from their caverns, rolled its billows in no conceivable sublimity over many thousands of acres on either side, the sight of which would have confirmed Farquhar Miller, for the time being at least, in his prophecies, if he had but stood that night where I stood and gazed as I gazed on this vast tempest-tossed and troubled ocean that seemed to enwrap the earth in one continuous sheet of flame. But it soon swept on over the adjacent hills, sending back the distant roar of its thunder, leaving all behind in gloom, and too vividly impressing me with the power of the elements unchained to lose myself in slumber again that night."

Not to men alone belongs the credit of making this country what it is—of reducing it from uncultivated wilds to a garden of beauty. Women's bravery in turning their backs upon old homes and their comforts—the scenes and incidents of their girlhood—and traveling thousands of miles in jolting, jostling wagons—to find homes by camp fires until rude cabins could be built, demands equal commendation. Of the pioneer mothers who abandoned friends and comfortable surroundings in the eastern states forty-two years ago, to find homes on the prairies of the Kishwaukee, Mrs. John K. Towner is the only living representative. Forty-two years ago, at midnight of the last day of July, 1817, a journey of thousands of miles, made in a wagon drawn by two horses, was ended, and, in the midst of these wilds and the children native to the soil, that brave woman joined in her team, and by a camp fire, kindled in the grove on the south side of the Kishwaukee, a little below town, was cooked the first meal ever cooked by a white woman on these "Plysin Fields." There was a courage that prompted this undertaking akin to heroism, and had the task of caring for eight children, preparing their food by camp fires, depended upon men alone it is very questionable whether the journey would have been undertaken. When the Towners came the Pottawatomies were encamped here—on or in close proximity to the fair grounds. There were several hundred of them, having assembled here for the last time previous to their removal, from whence to go to Chicago to receive their payments, presents, etc., and their wigwags made quite a little Indian village. They had a council house, made of poles and bark, old and partially decayed at that time, near the present crossing of the river below Martin's mills. In a few days after the Towners were settled on Indian dance, the "green corn dance," was held in this council chamber, and to show courtesy to these red men, Mr. Towner and his wife attended. The belles and beaux were dressed in their best paints, feathers and other Indian gew-gaws. One of the belles of the occasion was the wife of one of the leading Indians, a "captain." She was dressed a little better than the rest of the "ladies" in attendance, the skirt of her dress being gaudily trimmed with short strips of narrow ribbon of all shades of color. During a favorable opportunity, Mrs. Towner took occasion to direct her attention to this "belle," and her dress, in a way that at once caused her to know that her "style" was admired by the "pale-faced" visitor; and after that she lost no opportunity to "snow off" as she whirled past in the "giddy mazes of the dance." The next day, in the same dress, but with the addition of a fine broadcloth shawl, handsomely trimmed, she "called" upon Mrs. Towner, with the evident intention of showing her "new shawl," which, of course, was much admired, as what well-bred woman would refuse to compliment the aristocracy in whose midst was her humble home. Mrs. Towner is of the opinion that this woman was of white origin, and cites as her reasons the following little episode: During one of her "calls" upon Mrs. Towner, she was toying with her youngest child, then quite a young babe, when, as most women will do, she was tickling its cheeks and chin, and employing "pet names," she seemed to forget her Indian tongue, and several times enunciated in good English, "Bobby," "Bobby," "Bobby." Hearing her use this term, Mrs. Towner turned to her and remarked: "You must be a white woman as you seem to know and understand the treatment of white babies so well." From that time her lips were sealed, and no artifice could draw her out. Soon after they were moved beyond the Mississippi, and Mrs. Towner never

knew whether her suspicions as to her being a white woman were well founded or not. The Indian women were much opposed to the removal, and were often heard saying, more to themselves than to each other: "Me don't want to cross Mississippi; me don't want to cross Mississippi." The incidents narrated above relate to the social features of Mrs. Turner's experience with the Pottawatomies while she lived in their midst, and with the recital of a little incident, and one which was not so pleasant, and calculated to try strong nerves, we dismiss the Indians, following them only in memory.

At one time Mrs. *Turner* was left alone with her children in their house, which was situated in the midst of the village. One of the Indians had become intoxicated, and in that condition entered the house, and declared he had come to kill her. She replied that she would kill him. One of her little girls, aged about ten years, said to her mother that a gun in the house was loaded. At this the Indian jerked a knife from his belt that looked, as Mrs. *Turner* expressed it, as long as a sword. By some means, she don't know how, she ejected him from the house, and closed and barred the door with a long, heavy wooden punch, and determined to "hold the fort." The door was made of heavy wooden benches, and between the pieces there were cracks or interstices large enough to admit a man's hand. Ejected by a pale-faced squaw only added fury to his rage, and he made thrust after thrust through cracks of the door with his knife. Finding he could effect nothing that way, he next essayed to gain admission to the house by climbing upon the roof and descending through the mud and stick chimney. But here he was again foiled by the brave woman within, who ripped open a straw bed, and threw part of the contents on the smouldering embers on the hearth. This raised a smoke that drove the Indian to the ground. By this time the white men belonging to the house had been alarmed, and came to her rescue. The Indian was taken away, and soon after the whole tribe removed west of the "Mississippi." It is but due to the memory of Mrs. Pottawatomies then encamped here to say that they repudiated Mrs. Turner's drunken and savage visitor as a "bad Indian," and one who did not belong to their people—in interloper who had fastened himself to them.

Another careful, economical, ingenious, provident woman was Mrs. Christopher Payne, whose husband, in the late fall of 1835, located a claim on Squaw Prairie, a part of which is now the beautiful and productive farm of Oliver Hale, in Bonus township. The incident referred to occurred before they removed to Boone County. A school was to be commenced in their neighborhood, and Mrs. Payne was anxious that her children should attend. Poor in purse, and money scarce, with nothing on which they could realize, their wardrobes ran down till they became quite scanty. Indeed, the children were but little better dressed than were the children of the Indians. To quote, Flora McFimney, they had "nothing to wear." But Mrs. Payne had set her heart on giving her children an education, and go to school they must. But how to clothe them for the occasion—that was the question. But where there is a will there is a way, and Mrs. Payne was equal to the emergency, and the bottom lands along the Fort river promised the "raw material." Nettle weeds grew there in great abundance, and these she utilized. Going there, she pulled a sufficient quantity for the purpose, and spread them out to rot, as our fathers and mothers used to spread flax. When they had rotted sufficiently, they were "broke,"

"entched" and "hackled." From the "hackle," the fibre thus obtained went to the "rock," and from the "rock" her fingers guided it to the "spindle" of an old-fashioned, little wheel, the "treddle" of which was worked with her feet, and thus manufactured into thread. From the wheel to a hand "reel" and the "warping bars," and then to the old hand and foot-worked loom, where the thread was woven into cloth, and the cloth made into clothes that enabled her to send her children to school in respectable apparel. This, to some, may sound a little *needy*, but that it is a true story can be vouched for by some who were fully cognizant of the circumstances, and who at this date (September, 1877), are still living. Of such stuff were the women pioneers of this county made. All honor to the memory of those who have passed away, and to the names of those who have been spared to see the wigwags and camp fires of the Indians give way to peccolite dwellings.

The memory of Dr. Daniel Hilton Whitney, who died Feb. 17, 1864, aged fifty-seven years, is held in high esteem by the people of Boone. One of the early pioneers, a man full of energy, soul and thought, of large experience among men, of quick perceptions and keen judgment, and a ready talker, he was that style of man calculated to win friends anywhere, especially among pioneers. He was tall, and of commanding appearance, dark, almost swarthy complexion, coal black hair and eagle-like eye. Of general intelligence and genial nature, he was prepared for a speech at any time and on any occasion, no matter whether it was at a religious meeting, a funeral, a pole raising, a Whig barbecue, a state or county convention. Ever ready to espouse the cause of the poor as against the rich—of the weak against the strong—he was known as the poor man's friend. In his professional practice, he was known far and near. No sick person within his reach was allowed to languish and suffer because of their inability to purchase medicine or pay doctors' bills. Volumes might be filled with recitals of his good deeds, but no words that we can employ would add any new lustre to the character he bore in the community where he lived so long. These traits of his nature, added to his rich fund of humor and aptness at repartee, always secured a place and a warm welcome for Dr. Whitney in every assembly.

A great many anecdotes are related of the subject of this sketch, and as his name has often occurred in these pages, it is due alike to those who knew him not and those who knew him well, to spread on this record an incident or two illustrative of his character.

On one occasion, there was a Masonic gathering, and being a member of that order—always charitable and full of good deeds—he was the orator of the day. The meeting was held in the open air, in a grove adjacent to Belvidere. A stand had been erected, and seats arranged for the accommodation of the audience. The stand was not of the most substantial kind, and the combined weight of those who gathered upon it proved too much for its strength. During one of his happiest perorations, the forward supports gave way, and the speaker was thrown forward to the ground, alighting full length on his face. But he never lost a word. Gathering himself up, first upon his hands, then to his knees, still talking, and finally to his feet and an erect position, his speech was not interrupted by the loss of a single word. Only a gesture or two were missing, and these were more than compensated for by the *great force* with which he ended the period upon which he was entering when the treacherous stand gave way.

As a writer for the press, he was, perhaps, more rapid in thought than

correct in diction—not for the want of language, however, but rather because of his rapidity of thought and great store of language. Words dropped from the end of his tongue like snow-flakes from an overcharged winter's cloud. They came so fast he had no time to choose between them. Yet in all his writings there was something to admire—something to claim and hold the reader's attention. In other places we have culled some of his memories as preserved in letters to the *Belvidere press*, that are well worth perusal. These selections are from letters numbered four, five and six. There were other contributions before and after the ones from which we quote, but they were not preserved—a neglect to be regretted. Relating particularly to the scenes incident to the early settlement of the country in which he was so conspicuous a character, they would have proved valuable adjuncts in preserving the country's history. What Stephen A. Douglas and Abraham Lincoln were to their respective political parties in Illinois, Dr. Whitney seems to have been to the earlier settlers of Boone County. Returning to the series of letters relating to the early settlement of the county, to which we have repeatedly referred, and so liberally quoted, we copy number five of the series almost entire. In that letter Dr. Whitney wrote:

"Late in the fall of 1835, Gen. James Sayers made the claim on which Newberg was subsequently laid out, and in 1836 built a saw mill, and soon after fixed up a grist mill in the same building, and continued to operate it for several years. That was the first mill built in the north counties, and was of incalculable benefit to the early settlements.

"In these days it was not unfrequent that we had to depend on our gruns for meat, and the precursor of a day of high living, or the less comfortable assurance that we should go to bed on light suppers.

"Pope says 'the birds of heaven shall vindicate their grain,' and unless he meant they should take the whole, they didn't do as fairly by me as they intended. I purchased, and sowed, with my own hands, ten bushels of wheat in the fall of 1835 '36 (being the first sown in the county) on a strip of late prairie, on which now stands the barn of D. W. Read, and the prairie chickens and birds left 'nary a kernel!

"The exorbitant price of provisions at Chicago, and the great difficulty of getting loads through the unbridged creeks and sloughs, and the near approach of winter, admonished us to bestir ourselves and provide for the long and rigorous months before us. The writer, with Rev. J. L. Toyner (then a lad of about seventeen years), and Charles Watkins, went south about 250 miles, in the fall of 1836, and brought up and drove into the settlement some eight or ten hundred dollars worth of fat hogs and cattle, and notwithstanding pork was selling in the Chicago market at from \$13 to \$15 per cwt., and beef at from \$8 to \$12 per cwt., I sold the pork to this and surrounding settlements at from \$6 to \$8 per cwt., and the beef at from \$3 to \$4 per cwt.

"But little was done through the winter of 1835 towards making farms. The spirit of making land claims to sell again, that has always reigned over the new territories of the West, broke out, ruining the settlers of northern Illinois, and greatly retarded the permanent improvement of the country. I have known claims of 160 and 320 acres without improvement, and the fee (title) yet in the government and the land unsurveyed, to sell the way from \$100 to \$2,700, the consequence of which was that when the

lands were hurried into market, these dupes were without money, and were obliged to get their lands entered by 'money shavers,' the pre-damned mankind in all climes and ages, at from 25 to 40 per cent., the result of which was that many lost their farms in the end. Others struggled on, knowing nothing but 20, 25 and 30 per cent., and this extortion and acquiescence tailed upon us more than all things else the embarrassments under which the country has ever since struggled, and that now (18) rests like a frightful incubus upon our people, prostrating and paralyzing every energy and almost crushing out hope.

"There was one feature of this 'claim mania' that I could never understand. A very large proportion of the settlers who came in after the fall of 1835 could not be induced to take up claims for themselves; they would either buy or 'jump' (take forcible possession) a claim, although the lands contiguous were just as good, and they could have made their own claims; yet, if they could neither buy nor 'jump' claims here, they would pass on to other settlements where claims could be either bought or 'jumped'.

"Early in 1836, Col. Mack informed us that at the north, near the State line, was a beautiful prairie surrounded by fine groves of timber, and being anxious to induce settlements in the north part of the county, and knowing the propensities of the new settlers to 'jump' claims, Lewis A. Doolittle, Esq., and Dr. J. Briggs, who had just settled here, and myself started in search of Round Prairie, supplied with blankets, horse feed, etc., our hatchets in our belts, fully prepared for camping out. After wandering about all day, we came upon the southwest corner of Round Prairie about sundown. Drenched with rain and chilled with the northwest wind we soon kindled a fire in a ravine near the late residence of Rev. S. Walker, built a hasty shanty of brush, and passed the night as best we could. The next morning we went to work 'claim making.' We made claim of Round and Long Prairies, blazed our trees, set our stakes, wrote our own names and any names that we happened to first think of and where we had room wrote vengeance against any and all who should 'jump' them. Well satisfied with our day's toil we started for home. We had our accomplices in Belvidere who would inform the immigrants of this beautiful region, and who were sure to tell them it was claimed by 'land sharks' who never intended to occupy the claims, but were holding them for sale. In a short time we had the satisfaction of hearing that our claims were jumped, when we sent all the threats possible, which induced, as we anticipated, the effort on the part of the 'jumpers,' to hold the claims. The ruse was a successful one, and we soon had the pleasure of knowing that they were permanently occupied."

The severity and duration of the winter of 1842-3 will long be remembered by the people of that period in Boone County. October 6th snow began to fall, continuing for two or three days, until it had attained a depth of more than two feet. The stage-coaches, then running between Chicago and Galena, were abandoned about the 9th for four-horse sleighs. The cold continued to grow in intensity, and the surface of the snow, as well as beaten tracks, became a glare of ice. Wagons and other wheeled vehicles were useless, and runners came into general use. Preparations for such a winter had not been made, and there was much suffering among the people. One-third of the stock, it is estimated, either froze or starved to death. From the 6th of October, 1842, to near the middle of April, 1843—six months—the earth was covered with snow, packed by repeated falls, and

solid enough to bear any ordinary horse. The use of four-horse sleighs commenced on the 8th or 9th of October, was continued until the 5th of April—the last “sleighting party” passing through Belvidere on that day. There was thanksgiving and joy among the people when the last snow-drift had melted away beneath the rays of that April sun, and the green carpet of spring time succeeded the white robes of the longest winter ever known before or since.

With only a few more brief paragraphs, and we will close this book. Its compilation has been a pleasant undertaking, but such pleasures can not always last, and “the best of friends must part.”

The first marriage solemnized from Boone County was that between Dr. D. H. Whitney and Sarah Caswell, December 10, 1836—and this while Boone was a part of Wisconsin County. This was his second marriage. His first wife was Elizabeth P. Hazard, a relative of Commodore Perry, to whom he was married July 5, 1828, in the State of New York. This wife died September 7, 1835, a short time after he had bade her adieu to find a new family home in Illinois. His second wife died September 13, 1870. From his last marriage six children were born, only two of whom grew to manhood and womanhood. The daughter, Addie, is the wife of W. S. Jones, merchant, of Belvidere. The son, Lieutenant Beverly Waugh Whitney, died in the army, for the maintenance of the Union, near Vicksburg, aged 20 years and 9 months. His remains were brought home to Belvidere for burial.

Of the first births, we can find no written record, but Judge L. W. Lawrence, who is a kind of local encyclopedia, tells us that the first child born in the county was John Haskins, son of Ira Haskins and wife, and that the event occurred in the winter of 1836-7. How he knows is this: Mr. Haskins lived at that time in a small cabin over the mound beyond the court-house. Their house was used as a house of worship, where meetings were held every Sabbath. The house would generally be crowded, and “Johnny” would be tucked away in his little cradle, and the cradle shoved under the table to economize room. The parents are both dead, and “Johnny” grown into John, is a resident of Vermont. George H. Hartwell, born in the old town of Newburg, and Henry Street, of the Belvidere well, born in the old town of Newburg, and Henry Street, of the Belvidere post-office, son of Benjamin Street, have sometimes been disposed to contest the honors with Mr. Haskins, but Judge Lawrence’s evidence is received as conclusive, although Messrs. Hartwell and Street are generally recognized as the only representatives of the first births now living in the county.

A RECORD OF THE OLD PEOPLE.

What more fitting close for a volume entitled the PAST AND PRESENT can be offered, than the names and ages of a few old people, whose lives are not only a part of the past and present of Boone County, but also of the country at large?

Elder Pierre, of Caledonia township, is said to be in his 108th year. He is in full possession of all his faculties, and able to walk around the house and do any work without help. *Older than the union of the States.* Theophilus Rix, Belvidere, is in his 99th year. On his 96th birthday, his photograph was taken by J. Hayes. Honor Fane, mother of John Fane, Belvidere, is in her 94th year. She was born May 3, A. D. 1753.

Mrs. Hannah Towner was born in the town of Elmina, New York, Jan. 19, 1797, and is consequently in her 80th year.

Mrs. Polly Lillibridge was born in Wayne County, Penn., Aug. 26, 1791, and is in the 87th year of her age. She was the first white child born in Mount Pleasant, in that county.

Martin Murch, father of Geo. W. Murch, merchant, South Belvidere, celebrated his 88th birthday in December, 1876.

James E. Martin, born in England, has passed his 76th birthday, and on the 20th day of January, 1877, was presented with a healthy babe to bless his old age.

John Greenlee, father of the Greenlee Brothers, Belvidere, was born in Argyshire, in the Parish of South End, Scotland, August 16, 1791, and celebrated his 86th birthday Aug. 16, 1877. He settled in Boone County, Dec. 24, 1836. He retains a clear memory, and remembers the scenes and incidents of the “long ago,” as clearly as those of more recent occurrence.

Mrs. Clarissa Rockwell has passed her 83d birth day. Margery Collier is likewise in her 84th year. Susan Wellington is 84.

Mrs. Ray was born in May, 1800, and was 77 years old in May, 1877. Mrs. Nancy Webb was born in Salem, New York, in 1800, and is now in her 77th year.

Mrs. Polly Mordoff is in her 81st year. Green Terwilliger, father of J. S. and Dr. Simmons Terwilliger, was born in 1793, and is therefore 79 years of age.

N. T. Ingalls is 76 years old.

John Murphy is 79 years of age.

Enos Tomkins was born in the city of New York, February 1, 1795, and was 82 years old in February, 1877.

Charles McDougal, born in Canada, is in his 83d year. He settled in Boone County in 1838.

S. P. Day is in his 81st year, and as straight as an Indian.

Cephias Gardner is 77.

Oliver Hale is 79.

Mrs. Sarah Hoar Holmes was born at New Ipswich, New Hampshire, June 24, 1787, and was 90 years old the 24th of June, 1877. She has always been able to read without the use of eye-glasses, and is able to do the finest kind of embroidery. Mrs. Holmes is a relative of the Hoars of Massachusetts.

Mrs. Rebecca L. Carver, a native of Pennsylvania, is 72 years of age. Elijah Wilson is 75 years of age, and his wife 73.

Joseph Harrington was 88 years of age March 14, 1877. He was born in Washington county, New York.

Mrs. Zada Shattuck, Spring township, was born in Connecticut, July 9, 1788, and is consequently in her 90th year since July 9, 1877.

Mrs. Olive Shattuck, Spring township, was born in Litchfield, Connecticut, November 10, 1788, and will be 89 years old the 10th of November, 1877.

Joel Davis, Spring township, was born in Somersetshire, England, June 16, 1798, and is in his 79th year.

Joseph Harrington is in his 89th year. He was born in Washington county, New York, March 14, 1789. Baptist Young was born in Inslikin, Ireland, April 1, 1793, and is in his 85th year.

Mrs. Candace Fuller, the mother of General A. C. Fuller, was born at New Britain, now Farmington, Conn., May 19, 1801, and was 76 years old May 14, 1877. This lady is well preserved and quite active in mind and body. Of strong likes and dislikes, she is either a very warm and ardent friend, or the directly opposite. From her the General inherited those sterling qualities and traits of character that enabled him to arise from the obscurity of a poor boy to a position among the first men of Illinois.

Triad Hill is 88 years of age.

Erastus Shepardson is 77 years of age.

Marcus Linsley is 76 years of age.

Dyer Pierce is 85 years of age.

Phoebe Pierce is 77 years of age.

Mrs. Smith is in her 78th year.

Mrs. Electa Taylor, a native of Berkshire, Mass., is 70 years of age. Although this lady has not reached our standard (75 years and upwards), we consider her a subject eminently worthy of notice. She has been totally blind for ten years. She lives entirely alone, discharges all her domestic duties, such as cooking, etc.; conducts her own correspondence, manages her own financial affairs, and singularly, does all that the smartest and more fortunate of her sisters, or brothers, even, for that matter, could do, and is thoroughly informed upon current events. She has always possessed a most remarkable memory, and her early and middle-aged associations were with such men as William H. Seward and his contemporaries. She is as blithe and cheerful as any bright-eyed girl of twenty, and her heart is just as young. The order and neatness that prevail in her home ought to be a reproach to thousands of her countrywomen from whose eyes God's sunlight has not been shut out. But, shut out from her eyes, it has entered her soul, and makes her cheerfully accept the decrees of the Great Omnipotent. "Socrates died like a philosopher." Electa Taylor lives the life of a true woman, that she may die like Socrates.

The united ages of the Old People whose names are given in the above list is equal to 3,014 years—an average of nearly 82 years each.

These are only a few who are known to have outlived the number of years allotted to man. The record might be extended, but time is pressing, and, in conclusion, we say, but express the wish that the closing days of their declining years may be as calm and quiet as their own beautiful prairies in these autumnal days, loaded with bountiful harvest of grain and fruitage, ripe and waiting to be garnered.

OFFICIAL VOTE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

The following is the Official Vote of Boone County, November 7, 1876.

NAMES.	Flora.	Belvidere.	Caledonia.	Manchester.	Spring.	Bonus.	Boone.	Lafayette.	TOTAL.
<i>President.</i>									
Hayes	200	595	176	185	158	209	279	185	1995
Tilden	20	203	25	1	32	45	21	16	383
Cooper	1	16	20	1	1	5	5	5	45
Total	220	799	217	180	189	254	305	201	2373
<i>Governor.</i>									
Cullom	200	594	176	164	155	210	279	185	1946
Steward	20	206	42	22	34	44	76	16	480
<i>Lieutenant Governor.</i>									
Shuman	200	595	177	184	155	210	279	185	1988
Glenn	20	203	25	1	33	44	21	16	383
Pickersell	1	15	21	1	1	5	5	5	48
<i>Secretary of State.</i>									
Harlow	200	598	177	165	153	210	279	185	1987
Johnson	20	203	25	1	32	44	21	16	383
Hudson	1	15	21	1	1	5	5	5	44
<i>Auditor of Public Accounts.</i>									
Needles	200	596	177	165	155	210	279	185	1987
Hise	20	204	41	22	34	44	35	16	406
<i>Treasurer of State.</i>									
Ray	200	598	177	165	155	210	279	185	1985
Gundlach	20	203	25	1	33	44	21	16	383
Aspen	1	15	21	1	1	5	5	5	44
<i>Attorney General.</i>									
Edsall	200	596	177	165	153	210	279	185	1987
Crych	20	204	41	22	34	44	21	16	383
Lyons	1	15	21	1	1	5	5	5	44
<i>Congressional Rep.</i>									
Lathrop	173	227	163	142	86	122	189	48	1150
Hurlbut	29	403	81	39	70	89	91	138	880
Sanborn	17	168	24	5	33	42	25	14	326
<i>State Board of Equalization.</i>									
Hunt	199	597	182	186	157	210	281	184	1986
Dean	20	204	35	1	33	44	23	16	376
<i>Rep. State Legislature.</i>									
Avery	588	1731	559	561	492	588	845	555	5880
Allen	88	643	102	106	108	117	69	46	1149
Bodlong	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	101
<i>County Attorney.</i>									
Fuller	187	475	182	120	146	167	195	18	1585
Wood	35	316	65	65	43	75	110	123	844
<i>Clark Circuit Court.</i>									
Dr. Mann	33	267	101	94	35	110	145	113	868
Brewer	185	538	117	98	154	142	190	78	1467
<i>Sheriff.</i>									
Lawson	219	190	217	187	183	233	305	201	2365
<i>Clerk.</i>									
Albright	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
<i>Coroner.</i>									
Whitman	204	507	132	162	157	74	288	159	1663
Williamson	15	274	84	24	24	179	35	45	655

A TABULAR STATEMENT

SHOWING THE TOTALS OF PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY OF BOONE COUNTY, FOR THE YEAR 1877.

Compiled by W. N. Bennett, Deputy County Clerk.

ITEMS.	Number	Average Value.	Assessed Value.
Horses of all ages.	5,631	\$46	\$276,007
Cattle of all ages.	10,338	17 48	238,816
Swine of all ages.	10,338	59 93	618,985
Sheep of all ages.	14,920	59 93	8,985
Hogs of all ages.	12,747	4 16	52,997
Steam Engines, including Boilers.	5,131	100	655
Fire or Burglar-Proof Safes.	48	35 11	2,370
Billiard, Pigeon Hole, Bagatelle or other similar Tables.	7,125	71	88,182
Gold and Silver Plate and Jewelry.	2,436	27 14	66,122
Watches and Clocks.	1,076	16 60	17,869
Sewing or Knitting Machines.	84	75 42	6,335
Piano Fortes.	205	43 52	11,140
Melodions and Organs.	2,002	50	1,405
Meat Rigs.			134,335
Wheeled Carriages.			4,500
Material and Manufactured Articles on hand.			4,092
Manufacturers' Tools, Implements and Machinery (other than Engines and Boilers, which are to be listed as such).			59,679
Agricultural Tools, Implements and Machinery.			2,317
Gold and Silver Plate and Fused Ware.			5,000
Monies of Bank, Banker, Broker or Stock Jobber.			5,584
Monies of other than Bank, Banker, Broker or Stock Jobber.			80,529
Credits of other than Bank, Banker, Broker or Stock Jobber.			477,187
Bonds and Stocks.			2,000
Shares of other than Bank, Banker, Broker or Stock Jobber.			3,000
Shares of other than Bank, Banker, Broker or Stock Jobber.			102,684
Household or Office Furniture and Property.			350
Investments in Real Estate and Improvements thereon (see Sec. 10).			49,985
All other Personal Property required to be listed.			97,494
Shares of Stock of State of Illinois.			1,793,022
TOTAL VALUE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.			
Improved Lands, in acres*.	173,727	25 36	4,388,280
Unimproved Lands, in acres.	2,148	20 61	44,269
TOTAL VALUE OF LANDS.			4,432,549
TOWN AND CITY LOTS.			
Improved Town and City Lots.	2,518	463 69	1,142,381
Unimproved Town and City Lots.	250	75 06	18,765
TOTAL VALUE OF TOWN AND CITY LOTS.			1,161,146
PROPERTY BELONGING TO RAILROADS.			
Lands other than "Railroad Track".			1,895
Personal Property other than "Rolling Stock".			910
TOTAL VALUE OF RAILROAD PROPERTY.			2,805
TOTAL VALUE OF ALL PROPERTY AS ASSESSED.			7,839,522

* Acres of Wheat, 1,130; of Corn, 58,232; of Oats, 24,944; of Medium, 1,837; of value Field Production, 14,130; of Inclosed Pasture, 4,148; of Orchard, 1,187; of Woodland, 1,831.

BIOGRAPHICAL DIRECTORY.

ABBREVIATIONS.

Co.	city or county	prop.	res.
I.	Illinois	farmer	proprietor
V.	Vermont	farmer	proprietor
C.	Canada	farmer	proprietor
A.	Alabama	farmer	proprietor
M.	Missouri	farmer	proprietor
N.	New York	farmer	proprietor
O.	Ohio	farmer	proprietor
P.	Pennsylvania	farmer	proprietor
R.	Richmond	farmer	proprietor
S.	South Carolina	farmer	proprietor
T.	Texas	farmer	proprietor
U.	Union	farmer	proprietor
V.	Vermont	farmer	proprietor
W.	Washington	farmer	proprietor
X.	Wisconsin	farmer	proprietor
Y.	York	farmer	proprietor
Z.	Zion	farmer	proprietor

BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP.

(P. O. Belvidere.)

ABBOTT WILLIAM, laborer.

AMES BAKER, farmer.

ABBE AMEL, Farmer; Sec. 9; born in Berkshire Co., Mass., July 15, 1806; came to Belvidere, Boone Co., in 1842, and has lived here 35 years; he has been engaged in the lumber trade, and has carried grain to Chicago, and sold wheat for 50c per bushel, taking thirteen days to make the trip; owns 310 acres land, and what is unusual, owns all the land he wants; has held office of Road Commissioner, and has been elected to that office; was School Director; married Sybil Bates of Pittsfield, Mass., in 1839; she died Oct. 30, 1864; he married Mrs. Susan Collins of N. Y., May 9, 1866; has five children by his wife, George H. C. Abbott, born Feb. 18, 1840; George H. John D. was Lieutenant and Acting Adjutant in 93rd Regt. I. V.; was in Red River campaign, and was sunstruck at battle of Gettysburg; Mrs. Collins had five children.

About W. W. farmer; Sec. 2.

Adams E. W.

Anasworth George, laborer.

Allen Charles, merchant.

ALLEN B. W., Retired; born in Ontario Co., N. Y., Nov. 15, 1817; lived in Belvidere, Boone Co., until 1842; engaged in Farming and Dairy business; came to this Co. Sept. 21, 1850, and has lived here 27 years; has held office of Town Trustee; married Mary B. of Conn., in 1846; at died in 1867; married Ruth F. Foster, and John R.

Allen Enos, farmer.

Allen George, laborer.

Allen W. G.

Alwell Frank, barber.

Ames A. T. stock dealer.

AMES GEO. R., Dealer in Dry Goods, Carriage, etc.; born in Westfield, Mass., N. Y., Feb. 1837; removed to Belvidere, 1863; opened the first Drug, Book and Paper Store on south side Nov. 1864, being the only store on that side in those days; he has since sold the Book and Dry Goods, etc., in 1864 he sold the Book and Paper business in 1868, and the Drug department in 1870; he is also of the firm of Ames, Lowry & Burnside, Boone, Ia.; he owns 1,000 acres of land in Iowa; married in W. Va. in 1861; his children are Cora E. Genesieve, Minnie, Alma Mand and George E. Ames, Jr.; Minnie died Oct. 8, 1867.

ANGELL ARNER, M. D., Physician; born in New Berlin, Chautauq Co., N. Y., in 1816; lived in that State until 27 years of age; came to Boone State in 1843, to Genoa, DeKalb Co.; came to this Co. in 1846, and has lived here 32 years; he has practiced his profession 34 years; he has been in the army, was at Fort Mifflin, Pa., and at the battle of the Post Hospital there; married Miss Augusta Caulkins, July 4, 1841; have three children, Mrs. Cornelia A. Winsor, born May 15, 1843; Mrs. Ellen M. Seger, Jan. 23, 1850.

Anderson Clark, painter.

Andrew H. G. farmer; Sec. 13.

Andrew Martin, carpenter.

Andrew D. A. K.

Ashon Susan, farm; Sec. 34.

Ashon T. farmer; Sec. 34.

Astin Parker, laborer.

AVERY EGBERT H., Carpenter and Bridge Builder; born in Groton, Conn., Jan. 1, 1816; lived in that State 40

Years, engaged in building business; born in Belvidere, Boone Co., Oct. 1834; has lived here 23 years; married Sarah Ing and had four children, John, Mary, George and New London, Coun. Nov. 1860; have four children, Charles and Blakeley, Mrs. Louisa Sykes, Charles and Colby; lost one daughter.

Avery Sidney, retired farmer.

Avery W. D., merchant.

BADGER JOHN, mechanic.

Bailey Daniel, farmer.

Baker J. Spencer, farmer; Sec. 13.

BALLARD EDWARD, Proprietor.

born in Oswego, N. Y., Oct. 23, 1831;

lived in that State 23 years; came to Illi-

nois, Boone Co., in 1854; has lived here

24 years; married S. E. E. and has four

children, one of the earliest settlers of

Boone Co.; they have two children, E.

born in 1866; Addie E., Feb. 1875; lost

one son, Frederick E.

Ballentine Alex. laborer.

BALLINT J. E. Music Dealer and

Dealer in Sewing Machines; State

117, Feb. 28, 1848; lived in that Co. 19

years, and came to city of Belvidere in

1867, and has been engaged in business of

Music Dealer and Sewing Machine

the past five years; wife, Miss Mary

Dec. 24, 1874.

BARKER S. C. Farmer; Sec. 16;

born in N. Y., Aug. 7, 1831;

lived in that State 23 years; came to

Illinois, Boone Co., in 1854, and has lived

here 23 years; owns 100 acres of land;

has held offices of School Director, and

Board Master; his wife died June 7, 1873;

married Miss McMichael in 1874; he has

six children, five by his first wife and one

by his present wife; three sons and three

daughters.

Barney H. F. farmer; Sec. 8.

Barney John, farmer; Sec. 18.

Barney S. C. farmer; Sec. 8.

Barnes Calvin, farmer; Sec. 10.

Barnes Jas. farmer; Sec. 27.

Barnes Orrin, farmer; Sec. 11.

Barnes Richard, farmer; Sec. 27.

Bar Andrew, mechanic.

Bar Wm. mechanic.

Barrett Pat. laborer.

Barrett W. H.

BARRINGER MARTIN, Retailer;

born in Missouri, N. Y., July 19,

1830; came to Boone Co. 23 years, and in

Geneseo Co., 10 years; came to Illinois,

DeKalb Co., in 1843; has lived in Belvi-

dere eight years; engaged in Farming

many years; has held office of Road Com-

missioner; married Mary, N. Y., 1857; the

children, John G., laborer.

Barlett, Susan J.; lost one daughter.

Barrett John G. laborer.

Bassett Simon, laborer.

Bassett S. E. mechanic.

Beck John, wagon maker.

Beckington O. auctioneer.

Bennett F. B. retired farmer.

Bennett George, jeweler and dentist.

Bennett F. retired clergyman.

Bennett A. F. farmer; Sec. 10.

Bennett H. D. mechanic.

Bennett J. A. farmer; Sec. 23.

Bennett J. H. farmer; Sec. 11.

BENNETT MRS. MARY S. born

Groton, Mass., May 25, 1805; lived there

thirty-four years, and died here thirty-eight

years; one of her early settlers now living

there; she was here when she came; married

Jas. Bennett, Jan. 6, 1830; he was born in

Groton, Mass., Nov. 25, 1802; died Aug.

25, 1868; children: Jas. A. born Aug.

1830; Samuel, born Nov. 14, 1832, died

Nov. 20, 1873; John H., July 7, 1835;

Sarah J., April 12, 1838; Geo. S., May 25,

1843; Charles, Oct. 8, 1845; George was

25, 1848; son of Co. B, 95th V.I., and was taken

prisoner for one year and fourteen days

and released.

BENNETT WILLIS H. Deputy

County Clerk, Belvidere; born Erie, Pa.,

lived in that State seventeen years, and

lived here thirty-three years; engaged in

farming many years; used to cart his grain

to Chicago and Milwaukee; sold his wheat

for 50¢ to \$1.00 per bushel; held office

County Commissioner before the town was

Assessor and School Trustee; married

Sallie M. Woodruff, Feb. 7, 1832; she was

born Erie Co., N. Y., Aug. 2, 1810; have

five children: Mrs. Julia Ann Poole, Mrs.

Frances G. Moody, Mrs. Alice S. Sturtevant,

and George E. W.

Beck, lost three children.

Beverly Edw. laborer.

Berman John, clerk.

Best Rex E. C. clergyman.

Bigwell Hiram, mechanic.

Bigelow F. grocer.

Bishop J. J. R. employe.

Blaisdell Jas.

Blackey Wm. shoemaker.

Boorman H. W. farmer; Sec. 22.

BOGARDUS ELI, Farmer; born

Belvidere, Ill., Aug. 16, 1830; lived there

twenty-three years; came to Boone

Co., Mich.; lived there fifteen years; came

to Boone Co., to Belvidere, in 1850, and

has lived here twenty-six years; cultivates

broom corn, sugar corn, and has raised

over 800 bushels of broom corn; was a

pioneer in broom corn business in this

State; owns two farms, 273 acres; married

Martha Griffin, from Onondaga Co., N. Y.,

April 2, 1854; have three children: Mrs.

Mrs. Mary Ann, Mrs. Elizabeth Shaw,

born in N. Y.

born in N. Y.

born in N. Y.

born in N. Y.

born in N. Y.

born in N. Y.

born in N. Y.

born in N. Y.

born in N. Y.

born in N. Y.

Brice E. R. farmer; Sec. 4.

Brice John, farmer.

Brumer Geo. laborer.

Buchanane F. mechanic.

Buchanane A. photographer.

Bucklin S. D.

Burnside A. W. physician.

Bush A. farmer; Sec. 10.

BUSH A. C. Carpenter; born St. Law-
rence Co., N. Y., March 15, 1826; lived
there seventeen years, and came to this
town in 1843; has lived here thirty-
three years; married Laura E. Hall
from Erie Co., Penn., in Feb., 1847; have
four children: Emerson, Ira, Bessie and
May.

Butler Mike, shoemaker.

Butler Nicholas, mechanic.

Butler Pat. farmer.

CARNEY JOHN, laborer.

CAMPBELL GEORGE W. Farm-
er; Sec. 13; born in Oswego Co., N. Y.,
Aug. 11, 1820; lived in that State sixteen
years; came to Illinois, to Boone Co., in
1848; has lived here fifteen years; one
of the few early settlers now living;
that were here at that time; plenty of In-
dians here when he came; used to cart his
grain to Chicago; no cash market here,
he sold wheat at 12¢ a bushel; owns 200
acres; married Cornelia Mack, from
Plainfield, Oswego Co., N. Y., in 1850;
they have five children: Ellen, Mary,
George, Frank and Georgette; lost one
daughter.

Carpenter Frank A. mechanic.

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CASE E. W. Groceries and Provisions;
was born in Stark County, and came
to Boone Co. in 1848; has lived here
and engaged in the grocery trade and is
doing an extensive business; he has two
sisters, one on north side, corner State and
Mechanic streets, and one on south side
on State street; he sells most goods than
any other dealer in Boone Co.; his stock
amounting in 1876 to \$75,000, and in 1877
will amount to \$100,000.

Case Eliphalet, shoemaker.

Chamberlain Frank, farmer.

Chamberlain T. M. farmer.

Cheaney John, laborer.

Church Alanson, cooper.

Church Chas. cooper.

Clark H. E. musician.

Coffin Isaac, gardener.

COVEY S. L. See end of this Tp.

CRABY M. E. (Mrs) See end of this Tp.

Coleman Otis, nurseryman.

Collier John, marble cutter.

Collier Thos. carpenter.

Collins Edw. farmer; Sec. 9.

CONGER JEFFERSON, Farmer; Sec. 35; born in Westerlo, Albany Co., N. Y., March 30, 1837; received education at the Albany Academy; married in 1858; and has lived here twenty-three years; has been engaged in Lumber business in Michigan for just ten years; owns farm of 160 acres just outside city limits; his wife is Mary, daughter of John Conger, his father; John Conger died March 23, 1874; they were from Albany Co., N. Y.; he has two brothers, one here and one in Iowa; he has four sisters, two in this Co., one in Michigan, and one in

Coolley C. laborer.

Coolley Jas. laborer.

Coolley M., mechanic.

Cook Jas. I., male.

Cook Jas. I., saw-maker.

COON E. W., Publisher of *Bellevue Northstar*; born in Frankfort, Clinton Co., Ind., May 31, 1842; came to this State, to Peoria Co., in 1860; went to Alton, Madison Co., in 1865, and went to Bellevue, Peoria Co., in 1870; in 1870 and has published the *Bellevue Northstar* seven years; married Miss Susan Bacon, from New Hampshire, in 1860; she died in 1868; married Miss Mary A. McLeer, of this city and Co., in 1872; has three children, Emma M., Edith M., and Blanche M.

Cooper D. constable.

Connell W. H., mechanic.

Connell David, mechanic.

Connelly Wm. mechanic.

Conroy D. G. student.

Conville Chase, mechanic.

Corey George, laborer.

Corey S. L., sheriff and stock dealer.

CRANDALL JACOB J., Born in 1815; lived in that State twenty-nine years, and came to Boone Co., to Bellevue, July 4, 1845, and has lived here thirty-two years; one of the earlier settlers; married Mary E., Jan. 15, 1840; they have one child, Mary E.; lost one daughter, Adelle E. Gary E. R. druggist.

Crichton James, butcher.

CRONK Enoch, Farmer; Sec. 13; born in Dover, Dutchess Co., N. Y., March 11, 1805; lived in that State seventeen years, and came to Boone Co. in 1842, and has lived here twenty years; one of the early settlers; only a few families in the town of Bonus at that time; used to cart

grain to Chicago, and has sold his wheat at 30, 35 and 40c a bushel; took seven days to travel to Chicago, and sold his wheat in Dover, Dutchess Co., N. Y., in December, 1820; she was born Jan. 28, 1806; they have been married fifty-one years; have three children, Richard, Abbie Jane, and Joel; lost two children.

Cross S. L. farmer.

Cunningham H. merchant.

Cunningham M. laborer.

Curtis Peter, laborer.

Curtis Stephen, merchant.

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DALE JAMES, painter.

Danforth G. H. grocer.

Darrinelle J. W. retired merchant.

Darville J. G. hotel-keeper.

Dawson James F. farmer; Sec. 15.

Dawson John, mechanic.

Dawson Wm. merchant.

Dawson Wm. M. farmer; Sec. —.

Dean C. B. attorney.

DEAN GEORGE, Retired; born in Ireland, December 18, 1800; lived there twenty years; came to Boone Co. in 1832; lived there twelve years; came to this country in 1844, and to this Co. the same year; has lived here thirty-three years; engaged in farming many years; has been married thirty years; has wheat at 40c a bushel; held commission of Coroner in 1853, under administration of F. Pierce; has held offices of Supervisor, and Road Commissioner; married Elizabeth Davis, Sept. 30, 1858; she died in 1862; he died in 1862; he was formerly Elizabeth Davis, Sept. 30, 1858; she was born in Maine, Sept. 27, 1816; two children, George W. and Mary Jane Mary.

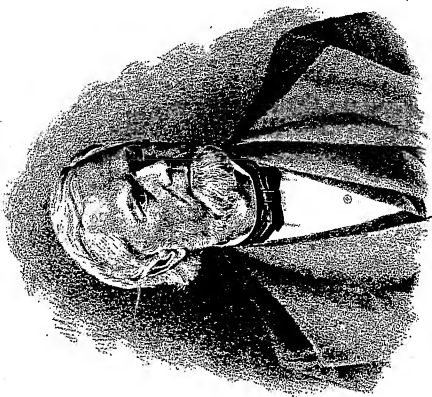
Dean G. W. farmer; Sec. 14.

DeLass Peter, laborer.

DeMunn Geo. clerk.

DEMUNN HORATIO C., Born in Genesee Co., N. Y., Nov. 12, 1834; lived in that State twenty-one years; came to Bellevue, Peoria Co., in 1854; has lived in this Co. thirty-two years; has been engaged in farming and teaching school; was appointed Deputy Circuit Clerk in 1859; was appointed Circuit Clerk in 1864; was elected County Clerk in 1864, re-elected in 1868, and again in 1872; was elected County Treasurer in 1869; married Miss Abigail A. Sackpole, Nov. 23, 1840; she was from Maine, and born Nov. 24, 1820; they have four children, George W., born Jan. 4, 1841; John J., born Feb. 14, 1843; Kate, born Jan. 1, 1845; and Mary, born Jan. 4, 1846.

Demmon D. A. mechanic.



John J. Boone

BELVIDERE TP.

DEETHICK DUDLEY, Butcher and first business; born in Chicago, Nov. 28, 1842; moved to Belvidere and came to this Co. to Belvidere in 1849, and has lived here twenty-eight years; was in a printing office three years, and has been engaged in butcher business sixteen years; married Mrs. Martha Sisk of Peru, Edgar Co., Ill., in 1867; they have four children: Grace Dudley, born June 10, 1874; Walter M., Nov. 28, 1873.

Derthick Neale, mechanic.

Devlin Arthur, laborer.

Dickman Thomas, laborer.

Dickman O. farmer.

Diagrams Joseph, farmer; Sec. 32.

Dodge W. R. justice of peace and attorney.

Dolan John, laborer.

Donnelly Francis, laborer.

Donschus James, laborer.

Donschus Thomas, laborer.

Doran T. farmer; Sec. 9.

DOOLITTLE MRS. MARY, Sec. 30, 1833; lived in that State twenty-six years, and has lived here twenty-eight years; married Rival Doolittle in January, 1838; he was born in Yorktown, in 1801, and re- sided in New York until he was 18 years old, and came to this Co. in 1836; one of the early settlers; they have one son, John R., born Aug. 18, 1863; he had one son, Fred H., born March 6, 1890.

Doran H. constable.

DOTY SIMON P. Proprietor Belvidere Hotel; born in Dutchess Co., N. Y., July 4, 1797; lived in that State and was married there; came to Belvidere, Ill., and came to this Co. in July, 1835, and has lived here over forty-two years, and he is the oldest male settler now living in this Co.; the Pennsylvania Indians were here when he came; he has lived here over thirty years, and burned them in 1836; he still owns the lands he first camped on when he came, in 1835; has kept hotel over forty years; he has held office of Sheriff of this Co., and also Commissioner; he married Mrs. Mary Doty of New York; she died in 1855; married Madeline Sells of St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.

Dow H. L. insurance agent.

Downs G. W. retired farmer.

Dowds James, laborer.

Dowds Mike, laborer.

Doyle Garrett, farmer.

Doyle Peter, laborer.

Doyle Wm. laborer.

DUBOIS CORNELIUS, Retired; born in Franklin Co., N. Y., April 4, 1818; lived there twenty years, and came to Belvidere in 1836, and has lived here forty-one years; one of the earliest settlers; at that time; engaged in farming many years; used to bring grain to Chicago, and sold wheat to the Grange bushel, taking five to eight days to make a trip; has held office of School Director and Roadmaster; married Mary Sheldon, from New York, in the spring of 1837; they have four children: John, Frederick S., married again to Mrs. Julia Watkins, formerly Julia Brink of Geneseo Oct. N. Y., March 7, 1837; have one son, Lewis A., born June 32, 1864; Mrs. Watkins died in 1867.

DUBOIS FRED S. Farmer; Sec. 18; born in Belvidere, Boone Co., on the place where he now resides, Oct. 3, 1849; has lived here thirty-five years; only a few persons born in Boone Co. now living here older than he; is engaged in farming and stock raising; married in 1870, 130 acres; married Calista M. Gleason, April 25, 1897; she was born in the Town of Guilford, Winnebago Co., Ill., April 30, 1844; they have one child, Mary Eunice, born Sept. 6, 1875.

Dunbar W. W.; clerk.

Dunlavy Frank, laborer.

Dutton G. E. farmer; Sec. 34.

DUTTON W. M. S. President First National Bank.

Duppy D. D. farmer.

Duppy G. laborer.

Durham Wm. H.; agent.

EASTON REV. T. C. Presbyterian clergyman.

Edgcomb D. J. blacksmith.

ELLSFELDT REV. CHAS. F. T. H. Pastor Evangelical Lutheran Immanuel Church; born Milwaukee, Nov. 2, 1834; lived there 16 years; entered the Presbyterian ministry in 1857; he entered the Northwestern University at Wauwatosa, Wis., and spent 4 years, and went to St. Louis and studied 8 years in Theological Concordia Seminary; passed examinations and received a diploma; a call to the Evangelical Lutheran Immanuel Church, Belvidere, and also to the German Lutheran Church, Pesacaonia, Winnebago Co., Illa.

Ellick George, farmer.

Ellis D. E. physician.

Erfmeyer F.; laborer.

Erwin G. L. farmer.

Erwin Wm. S. farmer; Sec. 4.

Esell D. G. mechanic.

Esell Henry.

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...circuit Court, and discharged the duties

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May G. A. farmer.
MAY HUGH, Farmer; Sec. 28; born
 Crawford Co., Pa., Sept. 6, 1824; lived

MOSS ASA, Farmer and Dairyman, Sec. 21; born in Washington Co., N. Y. Dec 21, 1818; lived in that State eighteen

Byron J.
Moulton D. E. retired merchant.

PEPPER SAMUEL, A.
in Nottinghamshire, Eng.,
came to this country in 1890

Saxton John, furniture dealer.
SAXTON JOY M. Furniture Business; born Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 16, 1841; came to Belvidere in 1846; has lived here since; married, Mrs. Mary Ann Joy, nee L. V. L., who was an educated, serviceable, and capable woman; has four children, three sons and one daughter; the sons are: Geo. H. Joy, married Martha Hodge, a daughter of Geo. H. and Co. May 3, 1867; has three children, two sons and one daughter; the above, was born State of New York, 1833; came to this town and Co. in 1840; lived here 31 years; married Emily P. M. here 18 years; and had Amanda V. and John A. L., in 1837; has two children, sons.
 Schenborn Chas. farmer.
 Schenborn E. C. speculator.
 Schenborn R. J. ivory.
 Schofield G. W.
SCOTT CHARLES, M. D. Physician; born in Lyncoming Co., Penn. May

BOONE TOWNSHIP.

A DAMS M. A. dentist; Capron.

ALEXANDER JAMES, Retired Farmer; Sec. 24; P. O. Capron. Born in Scotland, Oct. 18, 1816; owns 212 acres, valued at \$10,500; left there and came to this Co. in the fall of 1840, and is one of the oldest settlers; Mr. A. was Superior five years, and Assessor five years; has four children, B. H. and John, July 12, 1814; they were married Sept. 1, 1836; she died Aug. 25, 1875.

Alexander S. grain merchant; Poplar Grove. Allen Watson, mechanic; Capron.

Anderson A. O. farmer; Sec. 10; P. O. Capron. Anderson A. farmer; Sec. 28; P. O. Capron.

Anderson J. T. farmer; Sec. 11; P. O. Capron. Anderson N. farmer; Sec. 23; P. O. Capron.

Andrews R. farmer; Sec. 1; P. O. Capron. Andrews Wm. merchant; Capron.

Andrews Lyman, farmer; Sec. 33; P. O. Bonus. Ansonson Kittle, retired; Capron.

BALL EDWARD, farmer; Sec. 20; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Ball E. B. farm; Sec. 30; P. O. Poplar Grove. Ball Horace, laborer; Capron.

Ball J. B. farm; Sec. 30; P. O. Poplar Grove. Ball O. farmer; Sec. 30; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Bates Benj. farmer; Sec. 15; P. O. Capron. Bates Chas. farmer; Sec. 15; P. O. Capron.

Bates Fred, mechanic; Capron. Bates FATES ISAAC, Farmer and Stock

Raiser; Sec. 16; P. O. Capron; born in Birmingham, Eng., Nov. 16, 1818; owns 284 acres, valued at \$10,000; there are 118 S. E. 1/4 of the Co. 1845

and is one of the oldest settlers; have six sons and one daughter, Wm. H., born in England, June 30, 1841; Charles, born in England, March 29, 1842; Frederick, born in England, March 16, 1847; Benjamin, born in Boone Co., May 11, 1851; Ellen, born in Boone Co., May 11, 1851; Albert E., born in Boone Co., June 16, 1859; wife was Miss Sarah A. Gifford; she was born in Boone Co., June 16, 1859; wife died July 27, 1846; he was Township Clerk and Township Clerk a number of years.

Bates Samuel, mechanic; Capron. Bates Wm. H. farmer; Sec. 15; P. O. Capron.

Bates Kattie, farmer; Sec. 28; P. O. Capron. Beckman H. farm; Sec. 13; P. O. Channing

Clark, Nels. Cole A. J. retired; Capron. Coleman Frank, mechanic; Capron.

Coleman J. B. mechanic; Capron. Beckman H. farm; Sec. 13; P. O. Channing

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BOONE COUNTY MEMOIRS.

Barlett, came to Boone Co., town of Caledonia, in the fall of 1835, locating on Sec. 8; they dug a hole in the ground and covered it over, where they passed the winter, and two Mr. Bartlett had to borrow twenty-five cents of their companions in Chicago to get through; they went to Rockford, and became among the wealthiest people there; the Wyman brothers took up land near the town of Milan, and moved there from Vermont; they remained where the first located until April, 1875, when he departed this life, leaving a wife and six children, who are still living in Boone Co.; children are, Mrs. Martha Emma, and John.

Wyman E. C. broker.

YOUNG E. L. P., policeman.

Yount Henry, farmer.

Yount John, broker.

ZIGLAR W. F., baker.

COVEY SIMON L., Sheriff Boone Co., Belvidere; born in Chautauque Co., N. Y., Feb. 1, 1834; came to Belvidere in 1837, one of the early settlers; engaged in the grocery trade, and has a stock business; owns farm of 204 acres in town of Boone; has held office of Deputy Sheriff; was elected Sheriff of Boone Co. in 1872, re-elected in 1874, and resigned in 1875; he has one son, Geo. H. Covey, born May 8, 1855; married Miss Elizabeth Porter, daughter of Thos. W. Porter, Esq., of this city, Nov. 8, 1876.

CRAEY MRS. MARY E., Superintendent of Schools Boone Co.

was born in Cazenovia, N. Y., Jan. 19, 1846; having been educated at the State Normal School, Albany, N. Y., from Sept. 18, 1871, to Sept. 8, 1872.

WHEAT F. S., Farmer and Dairyman; Sec. 26; born Cambridge, Mass. of Ely, England, Aug. 9, 1831; came to this country in 1853; lived in Vermont four years; moved to Illinois to Kenosha; was Butler of 1846; was in N. Y. during the war; was trading down the Mississippi River for two years; came to Belvidere, Boone Co., in 1864, and is engaged in farming and dairy raising; owns farm of Cambridge, England, in 1853; have four children, Jessie, Franklin, Lydia, and Albert.

Wheat Frank W. farmer; Sec. 28.

WRIGHT OMAR H., Attorney; born in Durham, Greene Co., N. Y., May 23, 1827; at the age of 25 was elected Principal of Greenfield, and was Principal of Fort Plain Seminary, which he resigned on account of ill health; he prepared for college at Union Academy, Knoxville, Pa.; entered Alfred University, Belvidere since 1850; has been Principal of Public Schools, and held office of Magistrate several years, and also City Clerk; was Government Assessor eight years; has practiced law for session here for many years; Clerk of Court; in Chautauque married Miss Helen M. Will, daughter of Belvidere, formerly of Oswego, N. Y.; they have two sons, Robert W. and Omar H.

WYMAN CHARLES, (Deceased) born in Graville, New York State twenty years ago; died in this city, consisting of himself, his brother Alfred, and two Mr.

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Linscott Wm. farmer and preacher; Sec. 8; P. O. Capron.

Lloyd Wm. farmer; Sec. 13; P. O. Capron.

Loing Walter, farmer and stock raiser; Sec. 35; P. O. Boone; was born in Allegheny Co., N. Y., Sept. 3, 1870; came to this Co. in June, 1887; owns one of the oldest sets of land in Boone Co.; has one daughter, Eliza, born May 3, 1880; wife was Mrs. Orpha Curtis; she was born in London, Ontario, April 10, 1850; they were married Feb. 7, 1883; he was Town Constable a number of years.

Lovides Yulian, mechanic; Capron.

McClelland Nathan, laborer; Capron.

McClure James, farmer; Sec. 33; P. O. Capron.

McCluskey J. farmer; Sec. 9; P. O. Capron.

McCluskey R. farmer; Sec. 9; P. O. Capron.

McIntyre Donald and Peter, farmers and stock raisers; Sec. 6; P. O. Capron; Donald was born in Scotland, N. Y., 1837; came to Boone Co. in 1857; Peter was born in Scotland in 1846; and came the year following; they own 320 acres, valued at \$14,000; Donald not married; Peter married Mary A. McIntyre; she was born in Scotland; they were married Feb. 18, 1855.

McIntyre Silas, farmer; Sec. 10; 1876; wife was Mary A. McIntyre; they were married Feb. 18, 1855.

McIntyre Wm. farmer; Sec. 6; P. O. Poplar Grove.

McQuaid Geo., railroad laborer; Capron.

McQuill Wm. farm; S. 7; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Manley A. B. teacher; Capron.

Mann James, Jr. laborer; Capron.

Mann James, farmer; Sec. 4; P. O. Capron.

Mason Ernest, farmer; Sec. 9; P. O. Capron.

Maskey Geo. painter; Capron.

Merrill J. W. attorney at law; Capron.

Milkken Geo. farm; Sec. 27; P. O. Capron.

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SCOUGALL LAUGHLIN, farmer; Stock raiser; Sec. 20; P. O. Capron.

Stallard Wm. farmer; Sec. 20; P. O. Capron.

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BOONE COUNTY DIRECTORY.

the very oldest settlers; he married Miss Eliza J. Penwell; she was born in Fountain Co., Ind., Sept. 11, 1836; have three sons and three daughters; he has lived in Boone County since 1857; he has served as Alderman and Delphin M.; he has served as Road Commissioner, School Trustee, and County Superintendent of the Poor.

STEVENSON W. R. Farmer; Sec. 24; P. O. Capron; born in Boone Tp., Boone Co., Nov. 28, 1834; owns 80 acres, valued at \$4,300; Mr. S. C. his father lived in the Co. in May, 1857, and was one of the first settlers; wife was Miss Emma J. Whipple; she was born in McHenry Co.; have one son; Mr. S. served over three years in the late rebellion, in Co. B, 36th I. V. I., and received five different wounds.

Stinson Ole farmer; Sec. 15; P. O. Capron. Slow H. H. clerk; Capron.
Slow H. H. clerk; Capron.
Slow H. H. farmer; P. O. Capron.
Slow Jas. H. farmer; Sec. 85; P. O. Boone.
Stockwell David, laborer; Capron.
Streeter Alonzo, mechanic; Capron.
Streeter Wm. laborer; Capron.
Stull G. L. S. clergyman; P. O. Capron.

T HOMPSON CHAS. farmer; Sec. 11; P. O. Capron.
Thompson Eric farmer; Sec. 4; P. O. Capron.
Thompson Ole, miller; Sec. 5; P. O. Capron.
Thompson A. butcher; Capron.
Thornton T. R. meat market; Capron.
Torgerson Stall farmer; Sec. 1; P. O. Capron.
Torgerson Torg. farmer; Sec. 1; P. O. Capron.

TRIPP G. I. Merchant; Capron; born in Boone Co., Nov. 13, 1840; has one son, Everett H., born June 13, 1867; wife was Miss Etta S. Jones; she was born in Boone Co.; he served three years and nine months in the late war; was Sergeant two years in Co. I, 37th I. V. I., and then was promoted to First Lieutenant in the 92d Regt. Colored Volunteers.

VANALSTINE NEWELL, lives in Cal. edonia; P. O. Capron.
Vance Thos. farmer; Sec. 23; P. O. Capron.
Vickers Robt. blacksmith; Poplar Grove.
WAGENER ISAAC, farmer; Sec. 29; P. O. Poplar Grove.

WAGNER DAVID, Retired Farmer; Sec. 29; P. O. Poplar Grove; born in Maryland, forty miles from Baltimore, April 9, 1804; came to this Co. in 1855; owns 40 acres, valued at \$1,200; has three sons and three daughters; he has lived in Boone County since 1855; wife was Hannah Richard and Nancy Jane; wife was Hannah Gurnea; born in N. Y. Aug. 9, 1806; they were married June 9, 1830.

Wagner R. farm; S. 19; P. O. Poplar Grove.
Wagner Wm. farmer; Sec. 34; P. O. Capron.
Ware Geo. laborer; Capron.

Wares Andrew, mechanic; Capron.
Wares A. F. farmer; P. O. Capron.
Warr Stephen, retired; 107 yrs old; Capron.
Webster W. H. merchant; Poplar Grove.

WELBY J. farm; S. 29; P. O. Poplar Grove.
WHEELER MRS. ELIZA F. Farmer; Sec. 19; P. O. Poplar Grove; born in Addison, Vt., Feb. 19, 1819; owns 300 acres, valued at \$15,000; widow of Obediah, who was born in Erie Co., N. Y.; O. died in 1840; she lived in Boone Co. in 1844, and was one of the oldest settlers; they were married in 1840; he died Aug. 8, 1876; left four sons and one daughter, and lost one daughter; Mrs. Wheeler's maiden name was **YOUNG**.

Wheeler Thomas, Jr., farmer; Sec. 19; P. O. Poplar Grove.
Wheeler Thomas, farmer; Sec. 30; P. O. Poplar Grove.
Whitcomb W. farm; Sec. 19; P. O. Poplar Grove.
White O. S. farmer; Sec. 19; P. O. Capron.
Wicks D. W. farm; S. 29; P. O. Poplar Grove.
Willcox George J. peddler; Capron.

WILLARD H. R. Farmer and Stock Raiser; P. O. Boone; Sec. 38; was born in Ulster Co., N. Y., Feb. 27, 1830; came to this Co. in 1844; owns 340 acres; has seven children living and lost two; he has been Supervisor four terms; wife was Miss C. M. W.; is one of the oldest settlers; he was married in Boone land Co., N. Y., Oct. 3, 1853; they were married Nov. 13, 1857; he is Township Willard S. farmer; Sec. 17; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Williams W. G. hotel keeper; Capron.
William H. farmer; Sec. 9; P. O. Capron.
Wood F. J. physician; Capron.
Woodward A. O. merchant; Poplar Grove.
Woodward A. S. merchant; Poplar Grove.
Woodward M. F. merchant; Poplar Grove.
Wooster John W. laborer; Capron.

WOOSTER N. H., Jr. farmer; P. O. Capron.
WOOSTER N. H. Justice of the Peace; Capron; was born in Oxford, Me. to Haven Co., Maine, Dec. 18, 1810; he is one of the oldest settlers; he has three sons and three daughters; Laura E. married John L. Conley; Mary married John H. Capron; George J. married William H. Capron; John W. married Miss Ella Hoyer; James H. married Miss Mary Hoyer; they were married Oct. 4, 1844; has been Justice sixteen years; served eight months in the late rebellion, in Co. C, 37th I. V. I.

WORTHINGTON GEO. W. Farmer; Sec. 30; P. O. Poplar Grove; born in DuPage Co., Ill., June 13, 1846; owns 176 acres, valued at \$10,000; he has lived in Boone Co. with his parents the following March 31, 1876; he has no children; wife was Miss Alice Worthington; she was the same Tp.; married March 31, 1876; value of estate, \$2,000.
Young J. G. farmer; Sec. 15; P. O. Capron.
Youngs J. G. laborer; Sec. 4; P. O. Capron.
Youngs Robert, laborer; Capron.

Wright Henry.

YATES A. E. Hardware Merchant; Capron; born in Boone Tp., this Co., Jan. 1, 1851; has no children; wife was Miss Alice Yates; she was the same Tp.; married March 31, 1876; value of estate, \$2,000.
Young J. G. farmer; Sec. 15; P. O. Capron.
Youngs J. G. laborer; Sec. 4; P. O. Capron.
Youngs Robert, laborer; Capron.



BONUS TOWNSHIP.

ANDERSON E. Sec. 3; P. O. Garden Prairie.

ANDREWS Adulbert, farmer; Sec. 11; P. O. Garden Prairie.

ANDREWS Asiel, farmer; P. O. Belvidere.

ANDREWS Asiel, farmer; Sec. 11; P. O. Garden Prairie.

ANDREWS J. H. farm; S. 11; P. O. Belvidere.

ANDREWS Melvin, farmer; P. O. Belvidere.

ANDREWS M. P. Belvidere; born in N. Y.; came to this Co. 1850; owns 270 acres land; has held office of School Director; married Louisa Keeler in Feb. 1847; she was born in N. Y.; have five children: Maria, Adulbert, Ellen, Alida J. and Mary.

ANDREWS D. R. farm; Sec. 8; P. O. Belvidere.

ARWOOD N. P. P. O. Belvidere.

ARMY TYRON K. Farmer; Sec. 11; P. O. Garden Prairie; born in Penn. Aug. 20, 1834; came to this Co. July 9, 1838; owns 239 acres land; has held office of Supervisor, School Trustee, and was member of the 23rd Congress; married Miss Abigail M. Tague in 1851; have six children: Cyrus H., Florence L., Stella E., Clara I., Myron A. and Mabel E.

BAXE W. C. retired; P. O. Garden Prairie.

BENNETT THEODORE, Farmer; Sec. 9; P. O. Belvidere; born in N. Y.; 1846; came to this Co. 1834; owns 130 acres land; married Miss E. Powers in 1838; she was born in N. Y.; have three children: Carrie, Fred and Frankie.

BARTON FRED L. Farmer; Sec. 13; P. O. Belvidere; born in N. Y. 1839; owns 40 acres land; came to this Co. in 1839.

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BENNETT GED. W. Wagon Maker; Garden Prairie; born in N. Y. 1833; came to this Co. in 1839; married Miss Hattie Baxer in 1876; she was born in Boone Co. 1839.

BICKNELL B. R. Farmer; Sec. 9; P. O. Belvidere; born in Maine, 1817; came to this Co. 1839; married Miss Hattie Baxer in 1835; was born in Maine; have two children, Fred J. and C. C. C.

BILLS O. Farmer; Sec. 23; P. O. Garden Prairie.

BILLS O. Farmer; Sec. 23; P. O. Garden Prairie; born in Toga Co., N. Y.

BONNE W. C. retired; P. O. Garden Prairie.

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Loveidge Jas. farmer; Sec. 23; P. O. Garden Prairie.

Lyons G. S. farm; S. 35; P. O. Garden Prairie.

MCABE WM. D. farmer; Sec. 1; P. O. Garden Prairie.

McCaue Jas. farmer; Sec. 27; P. O. Belvidere.

McGay Jas. miller; Sec. 8; P. O. Belvidere.

McGaron Jas. farmer; P. O. Bonus.

McDonald J. S. farmer; Sec. 36; P. O. Garden Prairie.

McLane Jas. Sr. farmer; P. O. Belvidere.

McMaster D. W. farm; S. 30; P. O. Belvidere.

MABIE AARON, Farmer; Sec. 8; P. O. Belvidere; born in Delaware Co., N. Y., 1807; came to this Co. in 1842; owns 130 acres of land; has held office of School Director; married Miss Amy Turnbaugh, in 1838; she was born in N. Y.; has six children, Charles, Lydia, Edward, Ira, Stephen and John; his son Jacob Mable, enlisted in the Erie Regiment, and he later and served until discharged on account of disease contracted in the army.

MABIE D. Farmer; Sec. 19; P. O. Belvidere; born in Delaware Co., N. Y., in 1816; came to this Co. in 1843; owns 66 acres of land; has held office of Supervisor; married Miss Mary Ann, June 9, 1869; she was born in Pennsylvania; has three children, Henry C., Fannie E. and Nellie.

Mable Jacob, farmer; Sec. 9; P. O. Belvidere.

Markay E.

Martin R. V. P. O. Garden Prairie.

Medhan J. farmer; Sec. 30; P. O. Belvidere.

Mesereau S. M. farm; Sec. 16; P. O. Belvidere.

MILLER ALFRED J. Farmer; Sec. 16; Bonus; born in Penn., 1837; came to this Co. in 1861; owns 160 acres; married Mrs. Adeline Starnes; she was born in Va.; has one child by former marriage, Elmer A.

MILLER I. D. Farmer and Miller; Sec. 16; P. O. Belvidere; born in Penn., 1823; came to this Co. in 1842; owns 170 acres land; he is associated with McKoy in the mill; owns and is proprietor of Little Thunder Mill, built 1855; he married Caroline Allen, in 1852; she was born in Penn.; has three daughters, Lilla, Ida and Nellie.

MOAN DENNIS, Farmer; Sec. 3; P. O. Belvidere; born in Ireland, in 1824; came to this Co. in 1863; owns 204 acres; he married Miss Mary Ann, in 1854; she was born in Ireland; has three children; John, Katie E., Dennis, Francis D. and James; lost one daughter, Margaret.

Moan Jas. farmer; Sec. 10; P. O. Belvidere.

Moan John, farmer; P. O. Belvidere.

Morey Myron, P. O. Garden Prairie.

Morgan R. W. farmer; Sec. 5; P. O. Bonus.

Morris Henry, farmer; P. O. Garden Prairie.
Morris Robt. farmer; P. O. Garden Prairie.
Mose A.

Munger E. farmer; Sec. 29; P. O. Belvidere.

NEWELL G. W. lumber dealer; P. O. Garden Prairie.

NEWMAN JAS. A. Farmer; Sec. 10; P. O. Belvidere; born in N. Y., April 24, 1824; came to this Co. in 1860; owns 300 acres land; lived fourteen years in Knosha Co., W. Va.; came to this Co. in 1860; he married Reiley Andrews, in 1845; she was born in N. Y., and died June 10, 1890; his second wife was Sarah A. Cook, who was born in N. Y.; has two children by first marriage, William and John A.; one daughter by second marriage, Stella L.

NICHOLS O. S. Farmer; Sec. 23; P. O. Garden Prairie; born in N. Y., in 1830; came to this Co. in 1859; owns 240 acres; holds office of School Director, and is serving his fourth term as Supervisor; he married Miss Nellie A. Cook, in 1859; has two children, Nellie and Eugene.

Nutt H. S. farmer; P. O. Belvidere.

ORR R. F. P. O. Belvidere.

PANGBORN JAS. renter; P. O. Belvidere.

Parle John, Sr. R. R. land; Garden Prairie.

Parle John, Jr. P. O. Garden Prairie.

PAYNE D. R. Retired; Sec. 24; P. O. Garden Prairie; born in N. Y., Jan. 1, 1798; came to this Co. May 14, 1856; he married Miss Mahalia Street, in Jan., 1855; she was born in Dutchess Co., N. Y., Oct. 8, 1799; has three children; Fetus, Minerva, Jim, Doug, Hennes; lost three children.

Pesse Calvin, farmer; Sec. 1; P. O. Garden Prairie.

Pervose John, P. O. Garden Prairie.

PETTS THOS. T. Retired; Sec. 9; P. O. Garden Prairie; born in N. Y., Jan. 10, 1809; came to this Co. in 1838; owns 22 acres land; he married Mrs. Mary Ann, in 1830; he removed to Michigan, and lived there ten years; while there, was Justice of the Peace; Collector three years, and assisted in taking the census of Michigan previous to his admission in the Union as a State.

Pier H. W. farmer; Sec. 23; P. O. Belvidere.

Polk Wm.

PORTER HENRY, Farmer; Sec. 24; P. O. Belvidere; born in England, in 1828; came to this Co. in 1859; owns 26 acres land; has held office of School Director and Supervisor; married Miss Anna S. Jones, in 1853; she was born in England; has three children; Frank H., Fred. W. and Thos. W.

CALEDONIA

ANDREW JOHN, farmer; P. O. Caledonia Station.

Atkinson E. Y. farmer; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Atkinson J. farm; S. 2; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Atkinson R. farm; S. 2; P. O. Poplar Grove.

BAILEY THROOP, farmer; Sec. 23; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Olin Wm. A. mechanic; Caledonia Station.

Baker Orin, laborer; Poplar Grove.

Berg Frank, farmer; P. O. Belvidere.

Bergsater C. farmer; P. O. Caledonia Station.

BROOKS W. H. Merchant; Poplar Grove; born in Erie Co., N. Y., March 17, 1831.

Reid, Charles, farmer; Sec. 10; P. O. Caledonia Station.

Reid, Louis E., Gertie E., Howard S. and Albert W.; wife was Miss Harding.

Strong, born in Erie Co., N. Y.; was collector one term, and Constable one term.

Brown C. farm; S. 7; P. O. Caledonia Station.

Brown D. farm; S. 9; P. O. Caledonia Station.

Brown T. farm; S. 3; P. O. Caledonia Station.

Brown Wm. farmer; Sec. 36; P. O. Belvidere.

Bruser L. farm; S. 10; P. O. Caledonia Station.

Bruser P. farm; S. 10; P. O. Caledonia Station.

Busch James.

Burdick J. S. farmer; P. O. Caledonia Station.

CASSADY JOHN, teacher; Caledonia Station.

Cassidy P. R. R. laborer; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Cassidy P. farm; S. 27; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

Chappell J. B. farm; S. 1; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Chappell J. B. Jr., farmer; Sec. 12; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Chappell T. G. mechanic; Caledonia Station.

Church J. M. farm; S. 2; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Clark A. farm; S. 14; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Clay J. farm; S. 9; P. O. Caledonia Station.

Cleveland H. W. farm; S. 28; P. O. Caledonia Station.

Cleveland T. W. farm; S. 28; P. O. Caledonia Station.

Cochran Gilman, Caledonia Station.

Coolidge Jas. farmer; P. O. Argyle.

Cook A. farmer; Sec. 35; P. O. Belvidere.

Conwell D. D. farm; S. 12; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Covey E. H. farm; S. 23; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Covey S. H. farm; S. 35; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Crouse S. H. preacher; Caledonia Station.

Cummins A. farm; S. 17; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

Curtis A. F. farm; S. 36; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Grow Edgar, farmer; P. O. Caledonia Station.

HALEY PAT. railroad employe; Poplar Grove.

Halliday A. J. laborer; Caledonia Station.

Han J. J.

Hammond H. Parks Corner.

HAMMOND H. A. Proprietor Caledonia Station.

HARMON R. H. Farmer; Sec. 3; P. O. Argyle; victor; born in Boone Co., S. 1; 1846;

owns 200 acres, valued at \$7,000; has two children, Myron, born June 4, 1874;

Wm., born June 8, 1877; wife was Margaret Strong, born in this Co.; married Sept. 27, 1878.

Hammond H. L. mechanic; Belvidere.

Hanson E. farm; Sec. 3; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

Hanson J. farm; Sec. 3; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

Hanson J. A. farm; S. 3; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

Hanson N. E. farm; S. 4; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

Hanson S. M. S. farm; S. 5; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

Hart W. farmer; Sec. 23; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

HAZEWOOD W. B. Farmer; Sec. 38; P. O. Poplar Grove; born in Canada, Aug. 1, 1832; came to this Co. in 1846;

owns 160 acres, valued at \$4,000; has four children, Albert, James, H. A. and Nettie; wife was Miss Elizabeth Brown, born in England; married Oct. 7, 1866.

Head J. N. farm; Sec. 11; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Henderson J. farm; S. 28; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

Henderson R. farm; S. 21; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

Herrington P. farm; S. 17; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

Howard W. farm; Sec. 11; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

Hill George, farmer; P. O. Belvidere.

Hines L. farmer; P. O. Caledonia Station.

Hosner George, farmer; P. O. Hunter.

Hosner J. farm; S. 14; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Iyer W. mechanic; P. O. Caledonia Station.

JACKSON J. F. laborer; P. O. Caledonia Station.

Johnson Ole, laborer.

Jory James, mechanic; P. O. Poplar Grove.

KELLEY CAMPBELL, farmer; Sec. 4; P. O. Caledonia Station.

Keller C. farmer; S. 30; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

Keller D. S. farm; S. 10; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

Keller Jas. farm; Sec. 16; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

Kelly Jas. farm; Sec. 16; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

Knox W. T. farm; S. 14; P. O. Poplar Grove.

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LANE S. P. farmer; Sec. 24; P. O. Belvidere.

Lang S. P. mechanic; Caledonia Station.

Lewer M. farm; S. 28; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

LEACH C. C. Farmer and Stock Raiser; Sec. 3; P. O. Belvidere; born in

Bennington Co., Vt., Feb. 28, 1820; came to this Co. in 1846; owns 197 acres, valued at \$4,800; Mr. L. is among the oldest settlers in Boone County, Frank, born July 15, 1850; Mary, born July 15, 1850; S. June 28, 1893; wife was Miss Cynthia Smith, born in Champaign Co., N. Y., March 4, 1839; married April 22, 1847.

Leach Fred. farmer; Sec. 33; P. O. Belvidere.

Lidder Ralph, shoemaker; Caledonia Sta.

Linnell Selwin, farmer; P. O. Argyle.

Long J. J. farm; S. 15; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

Loving Wm., Jr., mechanic; Poplar Grove.

MALLIE JOHN, farmer; P. O. Argyle.

McClachlan Achile, farmer; Sec. 17; P. O. Caledonia Station.

McClachlan Geo. farmer; Sec. 18; P. O. Caledonia Station.

McClachlan Hugh, mechanic; Argyle.

McClachlan Jas. farmer; Sec. 16; P. O. Caledonia Station.

McClachlan John, farmer; Sec. 9; P. O. Caledonia Station.

McClachlan John; farmer; Sec. 8; P. O. Caledonia Station.

McMillan Mat, farmer; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

MCNAIB ALEXANDER, Farmer and Stock Raiser; Sec. 1; P. O. Caledonia Station; born in Campbelltown, Scotland, June 1, 1833; came to this Co. in 1842; owns 120 acres, valued at \$12,000; Mr. McNair has six children, Elizabeth, Catherine, Mary, Jeannette, James and Alexander; wife was Miss Mary Amory; she was born in the same place; married Oct. 20, 1833; was Superior two years, and Assessor one year.

McNiklaga Wm. mechanic; Caledonia Sta.

McNiklaga Cornelius, laborer; Caledonia Sta.

McNitt T. G. farmer; Sec. 16; P. O. Caledonia Station.

Marshall W. farm; S. 14; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

Merritt R. farm; Sec. 23; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Mitchell T. farm; S. 15; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

Mitchell Jas. laborer; Caledonia Station.

Mitchell R. farm; S. 17; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

Monahan Chas. laborer; Caledonia Station.

MONTAGNE J. D. Proprietor of Caledonia Station; born in Boone Co., N. Y., Feb. 8, 1820; came to this Co. in 1854; has eight children, Mary E., India A., Charles, Kate, Isaac V., John N., Clara H. and Della; wife was Miss Mary Ann H. and died Dec. 23, 1897; value of estate \$4,000.

MONTGOMERY JAMES, Farmer and Stock Raiser; Sec. 1; P. O. Poplar Grove; born in Argyleville, Scotland,

July 4, 1884; came to this Co. March 17, 1885. Owns 160 acres, valued at \$4,000; left Scotland, Sept. 18, 1877, with wife and three children, and remained there till March, 1880, then came here; have five children, Albert F., Arthur C., James E., Jennie E., and Allen R.; wife was Miss Margaret Tofflemire, born in Canada, April 28, 1837; married March 10, 1857; has been for two years, in Supervisor, and has Township offices.

Moore D. A. farmer; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Moore J. farm; Sec. 36; P. O. Poplar Grove.

MOORE W. M. Farmer; Sec. 8; P. O. Caledonia Station; born in Canada, Sept. 18, 1842; came to this Co. in April, 1871; married, June 17, 1871; has five children; William, James, and John, born Aug. 15, 1877; William T. born July 7, 1879; and Miss Mary J. Alkison, born in Canada, April 4, 1843; married March 20, 1864.

Murphy David, Sr., laborer; Caledonia Sta.

Murphy David, Jr., farm; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

Murphy Dennis, laborer; Argyle.

N EAL DENNIS, farmer; P. O. Poplar Grove.

O BRIEN JOHN, farmer; Sec. 31; P. O. Argyle.

Olmcs William.

Oncait Otis, farmer; P. O. Caledonia Station.

P ARKER GEORGE, laborer; Poplar Grove.

Parsell S. M. farm; S. 24; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Petrie Francis, farmer; P. O. Belvidere.

Pickett P. farmer; Sec. 36; P. O. Belvidere.

Pickett Archie, farmer; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

Picken J. A. farm; S. 18; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

Picken John, farmer; Sec. 18; P. O. Caledonia Station.

Postlewaite Thos. farmer; Sec. 12; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Precedente W. H. farmer; Sec. 12; P. O. Poplar Grove.

R ALSTON ALEX. farmer; Sec. 20; P. O. Caledonia Station.

RAISTON JNO. Farmer and Stock Raiser; Sec. 6; P. O. Caledonia Station;

born in Scotland, Aug. 1818; came to this

Co. in 1840; owns 180 acres, valued at \$7,000; left there

in 1842; has seven children, and then came

to this Co.; have six children, and lost

three; wife was Margaret McKeenell; also

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Thompson John, farmer; Sec. 15; P. O. Caledonia Station.

Thompson Robt. farmer; Sec. 15; P. O. Caledonia Station.

Thompson F. A. laborer; Hunter.

Tofflemire Andy, farmer; Sec. 10; P. O. Caledonia Station.

Tofflemire F. farm; S. 16; P. O. Poplar Grove.

TOFFLEMIRE J. F. Farmer and Stock Raiser; Sec. 31; P. O. Argyle Sta-

tion; born in Harlem Tp., Winnebago Co.,

March 12, 1842, about one-half mile from

where he now lives; owns 31 acres, value

\$1,000; children: John, born Jan. 1, 1869;

Oct. 21, 1866; Wm. L., born Jan. 1, 1869;

J. Verne, June 1, 1871; Roy, April 19,

1874; Benjamin, May 20, 1877; wife was

Miss Abby A. Little, born in Wauwatosa,

N. Y., Feb. 7, 1846; they were married

Jan. 1, 1866.

Tucker Chas. H. mechanic; Poplar Grove.

Tucker L. S. laborer; Poplar Grove.

Turner A. J. laborer; Argyle.

VICKERS G. W. farmer; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Vickers Geo. Sr. farmer; Sec. 11; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Vickers Geo. Jr. blacksmith; Poplar Grove.

Vickers J. S. farm; S. 11; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Vickers Jos. farmer; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Vickers Robt. farm; S. 11; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Vickers Robt. mechanic; Poplar Grove.

WAKEFIELD A. farmer; Sec. 29; P. O. Caledonia Station.

Ware B. H.

Warren I. H. farmer; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Warren J. S. farm; S. 2; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Warren J. W. farm; S. 2; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Warren J. G. farmer; P. O. Caledonia Station.

Wheeler J. W. farm; S. 35; P. O. Belvidere.

Wheeler W. S. lumber merchant; Poplar Grove.

Wellington S. farm; P. O. Caledonia Station.

Whalen Jos. P. farmer; P. O. Argyle.

Whelan D. farm; S. 13; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Whelan D. farm; S. 14; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Whelan W. B. farm; S. 14; P. O. Poplar Grove.

Whitcomb L. C. retired; Poplar Grove.

WHITING ANDREW, Farmer and Stock Raiser; Sec. 22; P. O. Caledonia Sta-

tion; born in Kenosha Co., Wis., Nov. 8,

1846; owns 118 acres, value \$4,720; left there

and came to this Co. with his parents in

the fall of 1838, and is one of the oldest

settlers; have three sons, Chas. O., born

Nov. 28, 1845; John H., born May 18, 1847;

and Mary A., born Jan. 13, 1848; wife was

Martha A. Koss, born in Ohio, May 9, 1841;

married Sept. 10, 1854; was Assessor one

term, and Road Commissioner three years.

Whiting C. farmer; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

Whiting F. farm; P. O. Caledonia Sta.

WHITING LUTHER, Farmer and Stock Raiser; Sec. 22; P. O. Caledonia Sta-

tion; born in Sweden, May 28, 1840; has

\$5,460; have three children: Nellie, born

Nov. 28, 1841; owns 136 acres, valued at

\$5,460; have three children: Nellie, born

Aug. 18, 1875; John H., Oct. 24, 1870; Ira,

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TAYLOR MALCOLM, laborer; Caledonia Station.

Thompson Geo. farmer; Sec. 9; P. O. Caledonia Station.

once Mackey, daughter of Hugh Mackey, who, one of the oldest settlers of Cherry Valley, was an orphan child, Mina Priest, born Aug. 15, 1874.

Pryor Robert, P. O. Belvidere.

RANDALL ALBERT, farmer; Sec. 24; P. O. Belvidere.

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ROACH WILLIAM, Farmer; Sec. 20; born in England; lived in Ohio, Oct. 12, 1849; lived in Illinois, and removed to Illinois, to Boone Co., in 1855, and has lived here 12 years; he owns farm of 60 acres in DeKalb Co.; married Miss Ella E. Witter, from this town and has three children, May, two and a child, Ida May, Belsa.

ROBINSON H. farmer; Sec. 23; P. O. Belvidere.

ROBINSON A. H. Farmer; Sec. 20; P. O. Belvidere; born Cumberland, Maine, May 3, 1860; removed to Boone Co. in 1834; came by team, and was 8 weeks on the way; has lived here 33 years; among the first settlers of Boone Co.; came to Chicago; married Zephaniah C. Robinson, in 1837; she died 1854; married Susan Whitely, of Maine, in 1855; had seven children: Samuel, born in Maine; George, born in Maine; William, born in Colorado Cavalry, 3 years; William, born in Maine; Fred A., born Maine, was in army, 1861; John, born Maine, was in army, 1861; Ill. Cav., died at Helena, Ark.; Walter A., born Boone Co.; Arthur F., born Boone Co.; son of M. W. Robinson, was in Dresser's Battery, and was wounded at Holly Springs, was in battles of Ft. Donelson, Ft. Henry, Pittsburg Landing and Vicksburg; M. W. Robinson was born in Pleasant Co., N. H., and came to Boone Co. in 1834, and has lived here 33 years; owns 115 acres land; married Miss Sarah Cudrum, of this Co., Nov. 3, 1869; has three children, John, 21; Mary, 19; and one child, died infancy.

ROBINSON A. W. Farmer; Sec. 14; born in England; lived in Pleasant Co., N. H., Dec. 7, 1830; removed to Boone Co., and came to Boone Co. town of Boone, Oct. 7, 1841; came by team 1,000 miles, and was 7 weeks coming; there are very few now that were here when he came; 30 years; he has lived here 33 years; carried a load of wheat to Chicago when 13 years of age, carried it up two pair of stairs and sold it for 40 cts; a bushel; owns 120 acres; married Miss Mary Russell, Jan. 15, 1852; has three children, John, 21; Mary, 19; and one child, died infancy.

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Rochine F. farm; S. 7; P. O. Cherry Valley.

Rogers J. B. Sec. 12; P. O. Belvidere.

ROYAL ALLEN S. Farmer; Sec. 34; P. O. Belvidere; born Piscataquis Co., Me., Nov. 5, 1839; lived there 23 years, and came to Boone Co. May 9, 1864, and has lived here over 33 years; one of few early settlers of Boone Co.; he has lived here when he came; only one piece of land broken between here and Belvidere; he entered his land from government; owns 130 acres; used to haul his grain to Chicago, before there was any cash market for grain; he has lived here 23 years; he holds offices Road Commissioner and Justice of Peace; married Miss Lucy J. Robinson, from Maine, June 2, 1847; she was born Oct. 1, 1823; she has been an invalid for 30 years; had three children; they have four children: Solon, born Sept. 22, 1849, teaching school; Leroy, Sept. 25, 1852, lives in Iowa; Tina, June 24, 1855; Lillian, April 23, 1860.

Russell C. farmer; Sec. 26; P. O. Belvidere.

Ryan Alb. farm; Sec. 33; P. O. Cherry Valley.

Ryan And. farm; Sec. 33; P. O. Cherry Valley.

SAVYER FRANK, farmer; P. O. Belvidere.

Sergeant H. W. farm; S. 34; P. O. Belvidere.

Shannon H. farmer; Sec. 36; P. O. Belvidere.

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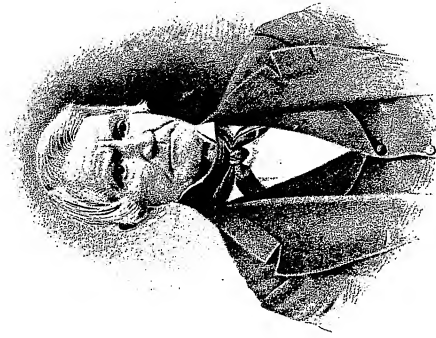
Shattuck H. farmer; Sec. 14; P. O. Belvidere.

SHATTUCK H. A. Farmer; Sec. 14; P. O. Belvidere; born in England; lived in Boone Co. 25 years; his father and mother were among the earliest settlers of this Co.; his father used to cart grain and pork to Chicago and had a business in mercantile stores; his grandmother is still living; he is now old; owns farm of 80 acres; married Miss Maria Stone, Nov. 19, 1874; she was born in Wisconsin, June 22, 1833, and came to this Co. when 4 years of age; they have three children, John, born Sept. 4, 1876; Mathias T., Nov. 19, 1876.

Shipe J. A. laborer; Sec. 30.

Shirley G. B. farmer; Sec. 7; P. O. Belvidere.

SHURLEY LEWIS, Farmer; Sec. 7; P. O. Belvidere; born in England; lived in Boone Co. 18 years; lived in Illinois 2 years; came to Illinois, to Winnebago Co., in 1840; removed to Boone Co., and has lived here over 30 years; he has carted his grain to Chicago and has a business in mercantile stores; he pre-empted the farm on which he now lives from government; he owns 1,500 acres land; married Miss Lucinda Keith, from Ohio, Jan. 1842; she was one of the first settlers of Boone Co.; they have six children, three sons and three daughters. Shive W.,



Charles J. Witt
SPRING TP.

George Benjamin, Louis E., Elizabeth, Lucretia and Jane.

SHURLEY LEWIS, Jr., Farmer; Sec. 30; P. O. Cherry Valley; born in Indiana, Jan. 12, 1844; removed to this State when 3 years of age, 1850, and was here 3 years; returned to this State, to Boone Co., in 1863; he has carted hundreds of loads of grain to Chicago; has sold wheat at 43 cts a bushel; has seen price of wheat as high as 80 cts a bushel; has 200 acres land here and 1400 acres in Kansas; has held offices of School Director and Road Master; married Leath Remus, from Hampshire, Kane Co., Ill., in Nov., 1864; the diet Feb. 25, 1870; has six children: Charles, Flora E., Carrie, Gertrude, Russell, Bertie.

SILVIUS HENRY, Farmer; Sec. 30; P. O. Belvidere; born in Luzerne Co., Penn., Oct. 10, 1822; lived in that State 22 years; engaged in carpenter business; came to Illinois, Boone Co., 1834, and has lived here 22 years; has 122 1/2 acres of land in DeKalb Co.; has held offices of School Director and Path Master; married McLean E. Dinwiddie, from Penn., Sept. 30, 1845; they have seven children, six sons and one daughter; Mary Ann, born in Penn., 1846; Thomas, born in Ill., 1847; Thomas, born in Ill., 1848; Ursula H., Marion M. C. G., Irving H., Ida W.

Smith, Thos. farmer; Sec. 10; P. O. Belvidere.

Spencer James, P. O. Belvidere.

SPRINGER JAREZ I., Farmer; Sec. 23; P. O. Cherry Valley; born in Ohio, N. Y., Oct. 10, 1804; lived in that State 40 years; came to Boone Co. June 8, 1844, and has lived here over 33 years; no impostment here or granted in that State; came from Ohio, where he was a farmer; came; used to cart his grain to Chicago; the last load of wheat hauled there sold at 33 cts a bushel; owns 400 acres land; has held offices School Director and Road Master; married Mary Ann, from Ill., in town of Flora; married Louisa J. Jarez, from Ill., in town of Cherry Valley; born in N. Y., Feb. 8, 1829; she was born Feb. 1, 1813; they have had four children; Jabez, was married to Rebecca Jarez, from Ill., in town of Boone Co.; married Avery, killed in skirmish with Guerrillas on Spring River; Milton, born Oct. 30, 1836, only son living.

Sprague J. farm; S. 22; P. O. Cherry Valley. Spoor A. B. farmer; Sec. 36; P. O. Belvidere. Spoor Charles, farmer; P. O. Belvidere. Spoor D. farmer; Sec. 24; P. O. Belvidere. Sutherland J. farmer; P. O. Belvidere. Sternborn F. laborer; P. O. Belvidere. Stiles D. Jr., farmer; Sec. 23; P. O. Belvidere. **SWAIL ROBERT**, Farmer; Sec. 3; P. O. Belvidere; born in Loquett, Can.

ada, near Montreal, November 1, 1835; lived in Canada 24 years; came to the United States in 1860; came to Illinois, Boone Co., in same year, and has lived here 17 years; engaged in stock raising; has held office of Post Master; owns 80 acres land; married Miss Harriet Finklin, in this town, Nov. 27, 1841; she was from Cherry Valley, Oregon Co., Ind., born in Ill., 1811; they have 7 children: Saml. E., Charles F., William C., Mabel, Frank C.; lost one daughter.

Sweeney Cornelius, farmer; P. O. Belvidere. Sweeney W. farmer; Sec. 31; P. O. Belvidere.

TAYLOR CHAS. farmer; Sec. 23; P. O. Belvidere.

TANNER FRANKLIN, Farmer; Sec. 10; P. O. Belvidere; born in Genesee Co., N. Y., Sept. 18, 1810; lived there and in Champlain Co., 23 years; came to Illinois, to Boone Co., July, 1843, and has lived here over 34 years; among the early settlers here; only few now living who were here when he came; used to haul lumber from Co. to Co.; has 100 acres of land; on each market here; all he had from the sale of one lot of wheat after paying expenses was three dollars and a half, and a grind stone; owns farm of 120 acres; has held office of Supervisor, and has added 100 acres of land; was 21 years; his first wife was Abigail Whiteox, from N. Y.; married Sept. 1, 1840; she was born in Conn., 1816, died June 10, 1874; married Miss Julia W. C. May, of 1874; they were living in Champlain Co., N. Y., in 1875; they have one adopted son, Albert Tanner, living in Iowa. Abel and Eliza Tanner, parents of Mr. Tanner, came to this Co. in 1829 were early settlers; have both passed away.

Taylor J. L. farm; S. 23; P. O. Cherry Valley. Taylor J. laborer; Sec. 1; P. O. Belvidere. Taylor W. farm; Sec. 28; P. O. Cherry Valley. Thomas D. laborer; Sec. 3; P. O. Belvidere. Thompson J. C. farm; Sec. 3; P. O. Belvidere.

THOMPSON JNO. C., Jr., farmer; Sec. 3; P. O. Belvidere; born in Franklin Co., Mass., June 14, 1838; removed to Ill., in 1860; engaged in stock raising; 8 years; was in Government service there returned to Illinois, to Boone Co., in 1874; owns farm of 80 acres; was in U. S. Army, 92d Regt. I. I.; married Miss Elizabeth Thompson, from Ill., born in this Co., June 24, 1846; they have one child, Edward Avery Thompson born Aug. 20, 1876; they have lost two children.

Thompson N. farm; Sec. 18; P. O. Belvidere. Thorn S. farmer; Sec. 23; P. O. Belvidere.

Tripp H. J. farmer; P. O. Belvidere.

Tucker F. W. farm; Sec. 12; P. O. Belvidere.

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Turner Wm. H. farm; Sec. 24; P. O. Belvidere.

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and Dairy business; owns farm of 90 acres
the old Barney Smith place, of the
county of Boone, Mo. Married Elizabeth
M. Brown from England, Nov. 14, 1854.
They have two children, Jessie F. born
Oct. 2, 1861; Clayton C. W. born Sept. 4,
1871; lost one son, Russell, born Aug. 2,
1866; he died in 1867.

Whitney R. E. farm; Sec. 2; P. O. Belvidere.

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Bailey Oliver, farmer; P. O. Shuron.
Bird John, farmer; P. O. Parks Corners.
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Blodgett H. J. farmer; P. O. Shuron.
Blodgett J. S. farmer; P. O. Shuron.
Blodgett R. F. farmer; P. O. Shuron.
Bogardus W. J. farmer; P. O. Capron.
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Bowman Elijah, farmer; Sec. 20; P. O. Parks Corners.
Bowman Geo. C. farm; P. O. Parks Corners.
Bowman T. L. farmer; P. O. Parks Corners.
Brooks J. M. farmer; P. O. Parks Corners.
Brown Jas. farmer; P. O. Chennung.
Brown Jos. farmer; P. O. Shuron.
Brown Robt. farmer; P. O. Shuron.
Burch Jacob, farmer; P. O. Parks Corners.
Burch John, farmer; P. O. Parks Corners.
Burch Rev. O. E. minister; P. O. Parks Corners.
Burns Levi, farmer; P. O. Shuron.
Barton Chas. farmer; Sec. 13; P. O. Shuron.
Campbell David, farmer; Sec. 33; P. O. Capron.
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Carr Chas. farmer; Sec. 24; P. O. Shuron.
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Chamberlain Leroy, farmer; P. O. Capron.
Chester John, farmer; P. O. Shuron.
Chester Lawrence, farm; S. 3; P. O. Shuron.
Chester Began, farmer; Sec. 9; P. O. Shuron.
Chilborn J. farmer; Sec. 27; P. O. Capron.
Chilborn Wilbur.
Clydes Philo, farmer; P. O. Capron.
Cornell D. D.
Coughran W. farmer; Sec. 24; P. O. Capron.
Cramer E. farm; S. 33; P. O. Parks Corners.
Cramer J. farm; S. 33; P. O. Parks Corners.
Cramer J. farm; S. 33; P. O. Parks Corners.
Cramer Peter, blacksmith; Sec. 20; P. O. Parks Corners.

Coft H. B. farmer; Sec. 9; P. O. Shuron.
Culver H. M. farmer; P. O. Shuron.
Culver Leroy, farmer; P. O. Shuron.

Daniels David, farmer; Sec. 20; P. O. Parks Corners.
Dean John W. farm; Sec. 35; P. O. Capron.
DeMunn F. farmer; Sec. 27; P. O. Capron.
DeMunn L. farmer; Sec. 27; P. O. Capron.
DeMunn Silas, farmer; Sec. 27; P. O. Capron; born in Alexander, Genesee Co., N. Y., March 4, 1829; came to this Co. in 1869; married Miranda Fanning Feb. 12, 1869; she was born in Indiana, N. Y., Aug. 8, 1829; has four children, Jennie, Frank, LeVant, Sumner, John and Fred.
Desnoire Clark, farm; Sec. 29; P. O. Shuron.
Dixon J. H. farmer; Sec. 16; P. O. Shuron.
Dodge A. farmer; Sec. 24; P. O. Capron.
Dora F. L. farmer; P. O. Shuron.
Dorland S. farmer; P. O. Parks Corners.
Dugall T. H. farmer; Sec. 1; P. O. Shuron.
Dulligan Geo. farmer; P. O. Parks Corners.
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Dulligan Wm. farmer; P. O. Parks Corners.
Duryea-Millard, farmer; P. O. Capron.

Elliott Jas. teacher; P. O. Capron.
Elliott Wm. farm; S. 17; P. O. Parks Corners.
Eliwaner J. farmer; Sec. 27; P. O. Capron.
Emery H. farmer; Sec. 33; P. O. Capron.
Emery J. B. farm; S. 33; P. O. Parks Corners.
Engelhart M. farmer; Sec. 13; P. O. Capron.

Farmers Fred, farmer; P. O. Parks Corners.
Fayer Miles, farmer; Sec. 12; P. O. Shuron.
Fussell Geo. farmer; P. O. Shuron.

Gilmore John, farmer; Sec. 33; P. O. Capron.
Goodall R. farm; S. 24; P. O. Parks Corners.
Goodall Thos. farmer; P. O. Parks Corners.
Goodall Wm. farmer; P. O. Parks Corners.
Griffin Henry, farmer; P. O. Capron.
Greenback D. farmer; Sec. 9; P. O. Shuron.
Greenback E. H. farmer; Sec. 9; P. O. Shuron.
Greenback G. farmer; Sec. 9; P. O. Shuron.
H. Ammond E. B. farmer; Sec. 20; P. O. Capron.

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HAMMOND HENRY, farmer; Sec. 10, P. O. Parks Corners; born in England, March 14, 1819; came to this Co. in 1854; first wife was Elizabeth Keating; present wife is Sarah Keating; Mary, Lydia, and George his children; A. and Joseph, his sons; W. farmer; Sec. 20; P. O. Parks Corners.

Hayden, farmer; Sec. 28; P. O. Capron. **Hed J. F.** farmer; Sec. 29; P. O. Parks Corners. **Hend John**, farmer; P. O. Sharon.

Hovey Eugene, farmer; Sec. 23; P. O. Capron. **Howe T. R.** farmer; Sec. 23; P. O. Capron.

Hunt W. farmer; Sec. 22; P. O. Parks Corners. **Hunt W. farmer**; Sec. 22; P. O. Parks Corners.

Hutchinson David, farmer; P. O. Capron. **Hutchinson David**, farmer; P. O. Capron.

Hyndman R. farmer; Sec. 26; P. O. Capron. **JOHNSON HENRY**, farmer; P. O. Capron.

KERPE B. farmer; Sec. 10; P. O. Sharon. **Kerle J. A. farmer**; Sec. 10; P. O. Sharon.

Kenyon J. T. farmer; Sec. 3; P. O. Sharon. **Kenyon W. C. farmer**; Sec. 3; P. O. Sharon.

Klumph Blux, farmer; Sec. 8; P. O. Sharon. **Klumph J. farmer**; Sec. 17; P. O. Sharon.

Klumph Jos. farmer; Sec. 17; P. O. Sharon. **LAMBERT D. M. farmer**; Sec. 27; P. O. Capron.

Lambert Melvin, farmer; P. O. Capron. **Lambert Morris**, farmer; P. O. Capron.

Lancou M. F. farmer; Sec. 13; P. O. Sharon. **Lancou M. F. farmer**; Sec. 13; P. O. Sharon.

Landon J. A. farmer; Sec. 4; P. O. Sharon. **Landon Jos. farmer**; Sec. 4; P. O. Sharon.

Landon Levi, farmer; Sec. 14; P. O. Sharon. **Landon W. C. farmer**; Sec. 14; P. O. Sharon.

Leath C. C. mechanic; P. O. Parks Corners. **Levent Oscar**, farmer; P. O. Sharon.

Liddle Harry, farmer; P. O. Parks Corners. **Lilly Jos. farmer**; P. O. Parks Corners.

McCOLLAN WATSON, farmer; Sec. 27; P. O. Capron. **McDonald David**, farmer; P. O. Sharon.

Markle B. farmer; P. O. Parks Corners. **Markle J. B. farmer**; Sec. 30; P. O. Parks Corners.

Mayberry L. C. farmer; Sec. 7; P. O. Parks Corners. **Mayberry R. farm**; S. 7; P. O. Parks Corners.

Maxworthy George. **Miles G. N. farmer**; P. O. Sharon.

Millard Emert, farmer; Sec. 27; P. O. Capron. **Millard W. farmer**; Sec. 35; P. O. Capron.

Morrison John, carpenter; P. O. Capron. **MURKIN J. J. farmer**; Sec. 10; P. O. Capron.

NELSON N. J. farmer; Sec. 10; P. O. Capron. **Nelson born in Norway**; June 28, 1844; came to this Co. in 1845; wife, Elizabeth; children, married Aunt Neggon, born in Boone Co.; have had five children, Oscar, James, Nellie, Bertie, and have lost one.

Nettleton D. farmer; Sec. 35; P. O. Capron. **Nettleton W. farmer**; Sec. 30; P. O. Capron.

Nobles Jos. farmer; P. O. Parks Corners. **Nobles Sam'l**, P. O. Parks Corners.

OLSON OLE, farmer; P. O. Capron. **PETERSON H. farmer**; P. O. Capron.

Pierce A. farm; Sec. 10; P. O. Parks Corners. **Pierce A. S. farm**; S. 10; P. O. Parks Corners.

Pierce E. farm; Sec. 10; P. O. Parks Corners. **Piper E. farmer**; P. O. Sharon.

Piper M. G. farmer; Sec. 17; P. O. Sharon. **Trider G. W. farmer**; Sec. 12; P. O. Sharon.

Trindle E. F. farmer; Sec. 15; P. O. Sharon. **Trindle G. W. farmer**; P. O. Sharon.

RAYMOND SELVEY, farmer; Sec. 14; P. O. Sharon. **Reaser H. M. post-master**; Sec. 20; P. O. Parks Corners.

Reed Jos. farmer; Sec. 35; P. O. Capron. **Rhodwald J. farmer**; Sec. 11; P. O. Sharon.

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Rhodwald S. farmer; Sec. 11; P. O. Sharon. **Robbins M. farmer**; Sec. 20; P. O. Parks Corners.

Robbins T. farm; S. 30; P. O. Parks Corners. **SALSBERRY O. A. farmer**; P. O. Sharon.

Schellenger A. farmer; P. O. Parks Corners. **Schum Robt. E.**

Shunk Jacob, farmer; Sec. 1; P. O. Sharon. **Shunk John**, clk.; Sec. 1; P. O. Sharon.

Sizer Thos. farmer; Sec. 27; P. O. Capron. **Smith Jr. farmer**; Sec. 16; P. O. Sharon.

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Smith R. W. farmer; P. O. Capron. **Smith William**, farmer; P. O. Capron.

Spencer M. T. farmer; Sec. 13; P. O. Sharon. **Stall Philip**, farmer; Sec. 35; P. O. Capron.

Stolt John, farmer; Sec. 36; P. O. Capron. **Swort A. G. farmer**; Sec. 3; P. O. Sharon.

TEETER JAMES, farmer; Sec. 8; P. O. Sharon. **Teeter Smith**, farmer; Sec. 8; P. O. Sharon.

Todd S. farmer; Sec. 20; P. O. Parks Corners. **Tongue John**, mechanic; P. O. Sharon.

Tripp Thos. J. farmer; P. O. Capron. **Tuttle Loren**, farmer; Sec. 34; P. O. Capron.

VANANWEIP JOHN, farmer; P. O. Capron. **Vandyke Cornelius**; Sec. 10; P. O. Sharon.

Vandyke Oscar, farm; Sec. 10; P. O. Sharon. **Vanocker J. farmer**; Sec. 13; P. O. Sharon.

Vanocker P. farmer; Sec. 13; P. O. Sharon. **WARD C. Farmer**; Sec. 28; P. O. Capron.

WATSON OLE, farmer; P. O. Capron. **WATSON OLE**, farmer; P. O. Capron.

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MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP.

Bowles J. C. farmer; Sec. 31; P. O. Rescoe. **Brayton G. farmer**; Sec. 22; P. O. Caledonia.

BRAYTON R. C. Farmer; Sec. 32; P. O. Caledonia; born in Canada, Aug. 1, 1830; came to this Co. in 1864; September 1, 1864, married Mary J. Rescoe, valued at \$4,800; married S. Rescoe, Dec. 24; came to Chicago in 1837.

Winnebago Co. in 1837; to Oyle Co. in 1847; to Boone Co. in 1864; children are: George W. Rescoe, born in Boone Co. in 1847; married in Boone Co. in 1864; eight children; George enlisted Co. I, 14th Regt. I. V. in 1864; served to the end of the war; and was honorably discharged; in 1865, he was enlisted in 74th Regt. I. V. in 1865; was in the battle of Stone River, and was wounded; he was taken sick and had to leave the battle field.

Burgesson K. farmer; Sec. 11; P. O. Clinton. **Burgesson T. farmer**; Sec. 11; P. O. Clinton.

Ball B. M. farmer; Sec. 31; P. O. Rescoe. **Burlingame J. J. farm**; Sec. 27; P. O. Hunter.

Burlingame S. J. farm; Sec. 27; P. O. Hunter. **CAMPBELL, J. E.** Yankee Notions peddler; Sec. 34; P. O. Hunter.

Carr Frank, farmer; Sec. 19; P. O. Beloit. **Carr C. B. farmer**; Sec. 17; P. O. Beloit.

OSCAR LUKE, Farmer; Sec. 17; P. O. Clinton, Wis.; born in Vermont, Sept. 11, 1831; came to this Co. in 1860; independent farmer; owns 160 acres of land, valued at \$2,500; has been Assessor 1 year and Collector 4 years; married Miss Lucy Fisher; children are: Amanda E., Emily H., Wm. M. Welton and Henry H.; Mrs. Cass died Sept. 1, 1880; married three children, Charles B., now living, and two deceased.

PHILIP F. FARMER; Sec. 15; P. O. Clinton. Fish B. F. farmer; Sec. 10; P. O. Clinton.

GIFFORD E. FARMER; Sec. 38; P. O. Clinton. Gilley Hunter.

GOLDWELL A. FARMER; Sec. 20; P. O. Beloit. Graham H. farmer; Sec. 11; P. O. Clinton.

GRANT R. F. FARMER; Sec. 11; P. O. Clinton. Grant T. W. farmer; Sec. 81; P. O. Clinton.

GRAY R. G. FARMER; Sec. 29; P. O. Beloit. Griffith A. farmer; Sec. 24; P. O. Roscoe.

GRIFFS A. FARMER; Sec. 24; P. O. Roscoe. Griffiths O. farmer; Sec. 24; P. O. Roscoe.

HANSAAS ROBERT, farmer; P. O. Cal. Haddon.

HAZLEWOOD E. FARMER; Sec. 28; P. O. Hazlewood E. farmer; Sec. 23; P. O. Union.

HAZLEWOOD J. FARMER; Sec. 23; P. O. Union. Hazlewood R. P. O. Union farmer.

HEATWOLD F. FARMER; Sec. 28; P. O. Hunter. Howard K. farmer; Sec. 22; P. O. Hunter.

HILL CHAS. FARMER; Sec. 6; P. O. Beloit. Hill Horace, farmer; Sec. 7; P. O. Beloit.

HILL NELSON, farmer; Sec. 6; P. O. Beloit. Hinkley M. E. farmer; Sec. 7; P. O. Beloit.

HORNER FRANK, farmer; Sec. 21. ISAACSON CLAUD, farmer; Sec. 4; P. O. Clinton.

ISAACSON O. FARMER; Sec. 10; P. O. Clinton. Isaacson Nels, farmer; Sec. 10; P. O. Clinton.

IRESON STARK, farm; Sec. 10; P. O. Clinton. JOHNSON JOHN, farmer; Sec. 35; P. O. Parks Corners.

JOHNSON O. H. FARMER; Sec. 28; P. O. Poplar Grove. Johnson Sever, farm; Sec. 15; P. O. Hunter.

JONES L. F. FARMER; Sec. 15; P. O. Poplar Grove. Jones L. farm; Sec. 15; P. O. Poplar Grove.

LEVINSON BAR, farmer; Sec. 14; P. O. Clinton. Larson Hans, farmer; P. O. Clinton.

LARSON HANS, farmer; P. O. Clinton. Larson Henry, farmer; Sec. 30; P. O. Cal. Loe A. O. farmer; Sec. 10; P. O. Clinton.

LOE L. O. FARMER; Sec. 10; P. O. Clinton. Loe L. O. farmer; Sec. 10; P. O. Clinton.

LOE OLE, farmer; Sec. 10; P. O. Clinton. Lunderman Benet, farm; Sec. 14; P. O. Clinton.

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LITTLE C. F. FARMER; Sec. 36; P. O. Poplar Grove. Little E. B. farm; Sec. 36; P. O. Poplar Grove.

LIVINGSTON A. H. FARMER; Sec. 34; H. O. Hunter. Livingston J. H. farm; Sec. 34; H. O. Hunter.

LORESE H. FARMER; Sec. 37. LORESE H. farmer; Sec. 37.

LUCE ISRAEL, farmer; Sec. 18; P. O. Roscoe. Lufkin G. W. farmer; Sec. 18; P. O. Roscoe.

LUFKIN G. W. FARMER; Sec. 18; P. O. Roscoe. Lufkin Sidney; farm; Sec. 20; P. O. Beloit.

MCLEANS AUGUS, farm; Sec. 31; P. O. Hunter. McMillan Dm'l, farm; Sec. 31; P. O. Hunter.

MANLEY A. H. FARMER; Sec. 7; P. O. Beloit. Manley born in Feb. 6, 1823; came to this Co. in 1845; owns 85 acres land, valued at \$1,000; has been Supervisor, School Trustee and Town Clerk for several years; married Jane R. Knott; Feb. 28, 1848; she has three children: John, Charles and Jessie M.

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MANLEY JOHN, farmer; Sec. 8; P. O. Beloit. Manley John, farmer; Sec. 8; P. O. Beloit.

MARCHAND S. E. FARMER; Sec. 31; P. O. Roscoe. Morgan H. S. farmer; Sec. 31; P. O. Beloit.

MORGAN H. S. FARMER; Sec. 31; P. O. Beloit. Morgan H. farm; Sec. 31; P. O. Poplar Grove.

MUNSON THOS, farmer; Sec. 15; P. O. Clinton. NASH S. L. farmer; Sec. 23; P. O. Hunter.

NASH CHAS. A. Farmer and Postmaster; Sec. 23; P. O. Hunter; born in N. Y., March 14, 1837; owns 80 acres land, valued at \$4,000; has been Assessor 1 year and Collector 4 years; married M. J. Wright, Jan. 3, 1867; children are: Anna M., born Sept. 2, 1867; Sidney L., March 14, 1869, and Minnie A., March 11, 1867; S. L. Nash,

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his father, also his mother, are living with him on the place.

NONAM O. T. FARM; Sec. 10; P. O. Clinton. North Wm. E. farmer; Sec. 28; P. O. Hunter.

OLSON HOLVER, farmer; Sec. 24; P. O. Parks Corners.

PALSON HOGAN, farmer; Sec. 13; P. O. Clinton. Parker B. L. farm; Sec. 35; P. O. Cal. Parker Edw. farm; Sec. 35; P. O. Cal. Parker D. L. farm; Sec. 35.

PATRICK DANIEL, farmer; Sec. 24. Patrick R. farmer; Sec. 35; P. O. Hunter.

PATTON ARCH, farmer; Sec. 27; P. O. Hunter. PATTON WM. Farmer and Mason;

PETERSON WM. Farmer and Mason; Sec. 27; P. O. Hunter. Peterson Arch, farmer; Sec. 27; P. O. Hunter.

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Allice Mary, March 8, 1864; William Henry, Jan. 28, 1865.
OPPER, HENRY, Farmer, Sec. 10; P. O. Belvidere; born in England, March 10, 1813; came to this Co. in 1837; owns 180 acres land; married Mrs. Mungie (maiden name, Miss Atkinson), in Canada, April, 1839; she was born in England, Jan. 1, 1815; they have four children, William H. H. born Aug. 28, 1840; Thomas, June 6, 1843; George, Nov. 29, 1845; Elizabeth (now Mrs. Williams) March 11, 1838; Mrs. Curtis' children by first husband are, Mary Ann, born Jan. 1, 1834; Rebecca (now Mrs. Sweeney), May 1, 1833; Margaret (now Mrs. Sweeney), May 1, 1833; Rebecca Curtis Patrick, rents farm; Sec. 1; P. O. Garden Prairie.
 Curtis S. farmer; Sec. 11; P. O. Belvidere.
 Curtis Walter, farmer; P. O. Belvidere.

DAVIS JOEL, Jr., farmer; Sec. 27; P. O. Belvidere.
DAVIS JOEL, Sec. 28; P. O. Belvidere; born in England, June 16, 1798; came to this Co. in 1850; owns 123 acres land; has been School Director three terms; married Elizabeth Hoxley, in England, July 19, 1825; she was born in England, June 2, 1804; have four children, David S. farmer; Sec. 28; P. O. Belvidere.
 DeWane J. farmer; Sec. 29; P. O. Belvidere.

DEWOLF MIROX, Farmer, Sec. 15; P. O. Belvidere; born in England, March 1830; came to this Co. in 1847; owns 87 acres of land; married Matilda Taylor, in Pa.; she was born in Pa., Jan. 31, 1838; have four children living, Collins A. born Jan. 26, 1850; Mary, born Feb. 1, 1857; Eleanor, Oct. 4, 1854; Matilda, July 1, 1857.

DEWOLF W. C. Farmer, Sec. 14; P. O. Belvidere; born in Erie Co., Pa., Feb. 8, 1830; came to this Co. in 1854; owns 120 acres land; has held various offices at Spring Township in Erie Co., Pa., March 23, 1855; has been in Erie Co., Pa., Feb. 16, 1852; have had five children, Nancy E. (now Mrs. E. Woodman) born Dec. 25, 1850; Mary E. born Dec. 25, 1851; William C. Jr., born April 18, 1855; Nellie A., Aug. 19, 1858.

DUNHAM MRS. N. M. Sec. 15; P. O. Belvidere; born in Madison Co., N. Y., March 4, 1816; came to this Co. in 1850; husband was Daniel H. Dunham; he was born in Madison Co., N. Y., March 18, 1810; died in Madison Co., N. Y., March 18, 1857; have three children, DeLoon, born Dec. 23, 1850; Edward K., Aug. 28, 1858; Dunham R. farm; S. 24; P. O. Garden Prairie.

FORD FRANK, farmer; Sec. 29; P. O. Belvidere.
FORD JOHN, Farmer, Sec. 29; P. O. Belvidere; born in Maine, Dec. 21, 1810; came to this Co. in 1853; owns 210 acres land; first wife was Hannah C. (maiden name, Miss Atkinson), in Canada, April, 1839; she was born in England, Jan. 1, 1815; they have three children by present wife.

GIBBS MR. E. L. Farmer, Sec. 21; P. O. Belvidere; born in Franklin Co., Mass., April 1, 1806; came to this Co. in 1840; owns 255 acres land; married Miss P. A. Spink, in N. Y., June 2, 1833; she was born in Vermont, April 1, 1813; have four children, William, born Dec. 1, 1836; he married Miss Julia M. Crutenden, in Iowa, Jan. 7, 1876; she was born in this Co., Sept. 29, 1847; Adeline J. (now Mrs. Albright), Aug. 31, 1838; Mary E. (now Mrs. Albright), born Dec. 16, 1847; Zermaria, Oct. 31, 1851.

GOUGH T. W. farm; S. 13; P. O. Garden Prairie.
GOULD J. B. Farmer, Sec. 5; P. O. Belvidere; born in Warren Co., N. Y., May 24, 1820; came to this Co. in 1837; Republican; Episcopal; owns 404 acres land, valued at \$35 per acre; married Miss Charlotte (maiden name, Miss Co.), in 1845; Charlotte born in England, Jan. 10, 1824; have had six children, Harvey A., Oct. 8, 1847; Nellie B., Nov. 11, 1850; Alice J., June 1, 1852; Fannie F., Oct. 14, 1853; Ira J., Nov. 12, 1857; died Feb. 24, 1864; mother, Alice, Aug. 8, 1849; died aged two months; Frank, July 1847; died aged two years; Lucius, Feb. 21, 1853; Blanche C., April 16, 1858.

GRETTON SAMSON, Farmer, Sec. 4; P. O. Belvidere; born in N. York, Sept. 4, 1818; came to this Co. in 1837; has been Episcopal; owns 143 acres land, valued at \$7,000; married Miss Sarah (maiden name, Miss Co.), in 1839; she was born in England, Dec. 30, 1820; have two children, Alice, May 22, 1871; Walter, May 8, 1874.

HAKES HARRISON H. Farmer has Stock Raiser; P. O. Belvidere; owns farm 185 acres; born Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., April 15, 1854; came to this Co. in 1857; married Miss Susan Co. and settled in Spring Tp. in 1857, and has lived here 20 years; was in army 4 years in Co. B. 8th Illa. Cav.; married Miss Anna (maiden name, Miss Co.), in 1857; have three children, Ella L. born July 11, 1858; Mary L. born Aug. 1872; George H. born Oct. 1874.

Hammond F. A. farmer; P. O. Belvidere.
 Hannah R. farm; S. 29; P. O. Belvidere.
 Hannah R. farm; S. 11; P. O. Garden Prairie.
 Hawley T. farmer; Sec. 31; P. O. Belvidere.
HEWES JOSEPH, Farmer and Stock Raiser; Sec. 35; P. O. Belvidere; born in England Aug. 14, 1846; came to this Co. in 1850; married Miss Martha Pierce, in 1858; she was born in England, Nov. 8, 1820; have two children, Mr. Nov. 8, 1870; Grace, Jan. 1, 1869; Mr. Hewes is Importer of Berkshire swine.

Hewitt James, farmer; P. O. Belvidere.
 Hollenback F. farm; Sec. 21; P. O. Belvidere.
HOLLENBACK WM. L. Farmer; Sec. 21; P. O. Belvidere; born in England, Nov. 8, 1839; came to this Co. in 1844; owns 120 acres land; has been Town Collector two terms; Commissioner Highways three years; Town Trustee three years; married Miss Susan, in Ohio, Sept. 13, 1839; have three children, George, born in this Co., Dec. 5, 1850; Frank, Nov. 23, 1853; Abraham, March 9, 1855.

Horton Thomas D. farmer; P. O. Belvidere.
 Hall P. A. laborer; Sec. 6; P. O. Belvidere.
HUGHES H. C. Farmer, Sec. 15; P. O. Belvidere; born in N. York, March 1, 1820; came to this Co. in 1839; owns 150 acres land; married Sarah A. Bick, in this Co. in 1844; she was born in Ohio, Jan. 28, 1841; have three children, Ernest Henry, born Sept. 11, 1863; William H., April 11, 1869; Susan L., March 1, 1871.

HUGHES LEWIS, Farmer, Sec. 15; P. O. Belvidere; born in N. York, Oct. 28, 1831; came to this Co. in 1839; owns 100 acres land; married Mrs. Muzzie, in this Co., April, 1873; have two children, Edward, Jan. 16, 1873; William H., April 11, 1877.

ISLES RICHARD, rents farm; Sec. 23; P. O. Belvidere.

JOHNSON ALFRED, farmer; P. O. Belvidere.
 Johnson Joseph P. farmer; P. O. Belvidere.

JOHNSON THEODORE, Farmer; Sec. 5; P. O. Kingston; born 1843; came to this Co. in 1857; married Miss Sally, in 1857; owns 100 acres on the lake on the ocean on the coast; came to Boone Co. in February, 1873, and is engaged in Farming; he married Miss Ned Johnson, Nov. 1874; she was born in Prussia; he owns Farm of 40 acres.

KARBY MORAN, Farmer, Sec. 21; P. O. Belvidere; born in Ireland, in 1831; came to this Co. in 1857; owns

property valued at \$1,200; married in 1858; have six children, five boys and one girl.
 Kelley J. farmer; Sec. 23; P. O. Belvidere.
 Kinney R. farmer; Sec. 29; P. O. Belvidere.
KIRBY WILLIAM E. Farmer; Sec. 23; P. O. Belvidere; born in England, March 11, 1822; came to this Co. in 1846; owns 120 acres land; married Matilda, in this Co., March 11, 1850; have five children, Henry, Oct. 18, 1850; Eliza, Feb. 7, 1853; Emma, Feb. 6, 1856; died Feb. 13, 1859.

LANDER EDWARD P. farmer; Sec. 23; P. O. Belvidere.
LANDER EDWIN, Farmer, Sec. 15; P. O. Belvidere; born in England, April 24, 1815; came to this Co. in 1849; owns 143 acres land; is School Director and Commissioner of England, Nov. 5, 1837; she was born in England, Sept. 14, 1812; have four children, living, William E., born Oct. 23, 1837; Edward, Feb. 7, 1843; has been Town Collector two terms; own 100 acres land; married Miss Susan, in Ohio, in 40th Ill. Cav. Sept. 13, 1861; served three years; was honorably discharged; Eliza, born Jan. 24, 1846; Susan A., Jan. 31, 1852.

LANDER W. E. farm; Sec. 23; P. O. Belvidere.
LANE T. E. Farmer, Sec. 13; P. O. Garden Prairie; born in Maryland, March 10, 1818; came to this Co. in 1849; owns 80 acres land; married Miss Gailina Ser. in this Co., Oct. 11, 1855; she was born in N. Y., on March 5, 1849; have two children, Charley Leroy and Luther P.

LANNING A. B. Farmer, Sec. 17; P. O. Belvidere; born in N. York, March 1, 1819; came to this Co. in 1842; owns 300 acres land; has held the office of School Director and Commissioner Highways; married Miss Sigurd, in N. Y., on Feb. 6, 1839; she was born in N. J., July 19, 1818; have had two children, Daniel, born in N. Y., on Dec. 14, 1847; Daniel B., July 6, 1849; Ervin S. Bowers, son-in-law of Mr. Lanning, was born in Wisconsin, June 24, 1845; he enlisted in 23rd W. V. I. Dec. 23, 1863; served until close of war; was honorably discharged.

LANNING JOHN S. Farmer, Sec. 17; P. O. Belvidere; born in N. York, April 1, 1804; came to this Co. in 1842; Republican; Baptist; owns 91 acres land, value \$4,000; married Miss Mary Rich, in N. York, May 23, 1846; she was born in N. York, in 1807; they have three children, Henry, born Aug. 6, 1831; Alberts, March 10, 1833; Charley, Sept. 20, 1850.

T HURBLY CHARLES, rents farm; Sec. 30; P. O. Belvidere.

Thurby T. farmer; Sec. 28; P. O. Belvidere.
Tripp Chas. Sr., farm; S. 8; P. O. Belvidere.
Tripp E. L. farm; Sec. 18; P. O. Belvidere.
Tripp John P. farm; S. 18; P. O. Belvidere.
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Tripp Oliver, farm; Sec. 8; P. O. Belvidere.

WATTS, CLARK M. farmer; P. O. Belvidere.

Walt M. C. farmer; Sec. 18; P. O. Belvidere.
Wattles Luther, farm; S. 31; P. O. Belvidere.
Watts John, farm; S. 32; P. O. Belvidere.

WHITE, J. M. farmer; Sec. 34; P. O. Belvidere; born in this Co., Sept. 9, 1855; Republican; owns 130 acres land, valued at \$4,800; married Miss Stanley in Egypt, March 2, 1880; she was born in New York, July 18, 1858; they have five children.

White John, farmer; P. O. Belvidere.

WIEFEN ROBERT, Farmer; Sec. 11; P. O. Garden Prairie; born in England, March 13, 1877; came to this Co. in 1895; owns 280 acres of land; married Miss Lawson in England, March 24, 1885; she was born in England, 1860; they have six children, living: Mary (now Mrs. Tuedahl), born Aug. 8, 1887; Jeremiah, born Dec. 14, 1892; he married Miss Mack Gough in this Co., March 13, 1877; she was born in this Co., Oct. 10, 1853.

Wilbur R. F. rents farm; S. 19; P. O. Belvidere.

WILLIAMS MRS. ELIZABETH, Farmer; Sec. 11; P. O. Belvidere; born in England, March 11, 1858; Episcopalian; owns 60 acres land; husband was George Williams; he was born in England, Oct. 10, 1827; died Jan. 30, 1874; he held many offices in the town until time of death; they were married in England, 1858; she was born in England, Jan. 2, 1842.

Nov. 12, 1860; Charles Henry, Jan. 4, 1863; George Curtu Nov. 22, 1865; Lucy Louisa, Feb. 15, 1870.

WINE FRANK, farm; S. 30; P. O. Belvidere.
WINE GEORGE F. farmer; Sec. 30; P. O. Belvidere; born in Albany, N. Y.; came to this Co. in 1884; April 1, 1887; owns 204 acres land, valued at \$3,000; married Miss Egler Kendall in Albany Co., N. Y., Aug. 31, 1887; she was born in Albany, N. Y.; they have had three children: Esther Louisa, born May 21, 1893; died Nov. 3, 1895; Francis A., July 15, 1895; Homer R., Oct. 7, 1897; Sarah (adopted when eight weeks old), born Sept. 20, 1899.

Winegar George W. farm; P. O. Belvidere.
WITT C. F. farmer; Sec. 29; P. O. Belvidere; born in Canton, Mass.; came to this Co. in 1844; owns 280 acres of land; Mr. Witt has held various important offices in the early settlement of the Co.; has held the office of County Justice six years; was also Justice of the Peace for the township in which he resides, in four years, Town Clerk two years; is at present Town Justice; has held the office of School Trustee and Township Treasurer of School District No. 24, Warren Co., N. Y.; married Miss Eliza A. Bigg, in Michigan, Nov. 23, 1838; she was born in Warren Co., N. Y., Feb. 9, 1814; have had nine children; five of them are living.

Witt Henry C. farm; Sec. 32; P. O. Belvidere.
Witt Isaac N. farm; Sec. 33; P. O. Belvidere.

WOLCOTT W. M. Farmer; Sec. 9; P. O. Belvidere; born in Penn. Novem-ber, 1855; came to this Co. in 1860; Re-publican; owns property to the value of \$10,000; married Miss Eliza A. Bigg in New York; she was born in Oswego, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1842.

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MARTIN WILLIAM-JOHNSON FAMILY

I was born July 6, 1948 in Rapid City South Dakota, the son of Melvin H. Johnson & Loreta D. Swanson. My brother William (Bill) Martin Johnson was born May 30, 1951 in Glencoe, Minn.. Bill Lives in a house on North Olson Road in Caledonia. He plans on building a new house in Belvidere ? We have a half sister by my fathers first wife. She is Phyllis Anne Johnson born April 13, 1942 in Benton or Coos Co., Oregon. She married Victor Rohloff in Le Sueur, Minn. in 1960. The Rohloff's are originally from Raddo /ow ?, Pomerania. See William (Bill) Johnson and Melvin H. Johnson family biographies. See James Malone Hess Jr. family biography.

I graduated from Belvidere High School in 1967. Also Rock Valley College in Rockford, Ill. in 1971. I received a Honorable discharge from the Marines in 1968. I received a Honorable discharge from the Army April 16, 1975 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.. PFC, service no. 349-40-0533. I have a house painting business and am a licensed & registered Illinois Real Estate Broker since 1976. My hobbies are hunting, fishing & tracing ancestors of relatives & friends for twenty years. My library has 800 history & genealogy books, 300 rolls of microfilmed inf., several thousand sheets of microfiched inf.. All my research has been sent to various groups, libraries, archives & relatives in the U.S.A.. Also books, translations & indexes I've compiled and published on Boone Co. area and other parts of the U.S.A.. See Author / Title fiche index at Salt Lake City, Utah library or their branch libraries. Also see 1964 thru 1971 Belvidere High School year books and Belvidere newspapers for past sports accomplishments of me & my brother. I am a member of American Legion Post 77. I believe in Democracy & Freedom & the capitalist free enterprise system, which provides a incentive for a person to better themselves educationally or Job wise. I dislike Communist & Socialist forms of government, which do not. The U.S.A. Govt. is the best form of Government on Earth.

My daughter is Tara Ann Johnson. She was born April 27, 1983 in Swedish American Hospital in Rockford, Ill.. Her mother is Julie Ann Bingenheimer, born July 27, 1954 in Belvidere, Ill.. Tara was Baptized at the St. James Catholic Church July 3, 1983. Her Uncle is Daniel Bingenheimer who plays Pro basketball in Spain. See the Robert F. Bingenheimer Sr. family biography. A picture of Tara & me is enclosed. I plan on being buried in the Glencoe, Minn. City cemetery in the plot of my Great Great Grandpa William Claus Christian Johnson, who was a Civil War veteran and elected to the Minn. State house of representatives in 1885, from McLeod Co., Minn.. The cemetery board has reserved space in this plot for me. Vooden name may be connected in 1970/71. Or Voden surname spelling from Kirkland, Ill..

Submitted by -

Martin Wm. Johnson
Martin William Johnson
3141 McMenone
Belvidere, IL 61008



MARTIN WM. JOHNSON & DTR. TARA ANN JOHNSON

PICTURE FOR MARTIN WM. JOHNSON FAMILY HISTORY

ILLINOIS PRAIRIE PIONEER CERTIFICATE

This Certificate is Presented to

Martin Wm Johnson

A Direct Descendant

of

William Claus Christian Johnson

Who Lived in Illinois in

1853



Charles Shaw



PEDIGREE CHART

Martin Wm. Johnson born July 6, 1910 Road City, S.D. never married.

His first marriage was to Dr. Tara Ann Johnson b. 4-2-1903 Rockford, Ill. (see April 18, 1887 Sinter tw.)

His second marriage was to Julie Ann Blumheller b. Belvidere, Ill. (see March 26, 1916)

His third marriage was to Elizabeth Ann Knick b. Belvidere, Ill. (see Oct. 15, 1889 Wisconsin)

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This Certificate is awarded in special tribute to the following ancestor(s) of the descendant, showing the County and the year of arrival in Wisconsin:

August Heinrich Zarnka
and Ottalie Augusta Florentine (Zarnka) Tarkka
Podge County, by 1855

Awarded this 19th day of November, 1967, at Madison, Wisconsin

Paul P. Gill
President

Shawn Eugene Johnson
Descendant

The Wisconsin State Genealogical Society takes pleasure in awarding this Certificate to the following descendant of a pioneer settler who lived in Wisconsin one hundred or more years ago:

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Century Family Certificate

Adopted by his
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Boone Co. Court House
Has copy of Original cert.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS	
I, PAUL P. GILL, County Clerk of said County, hereby certify that	
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MALE	
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At Rockford, Illinois	
FATHER: REEL 499 IMAGE 1022	
MOTHER: 112-21-0921283	
Date of filing: MARCH 10, 1971	
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Date of birth: A. D. 12, 80	
Place of birth: Boone Co. Court House	
County: Boone	
State: Illinois	

My nephews
with adopted by Hess
Grandparents

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the
BIRTH RECORD
and that the same has been filed and filed in my Office in
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Date MARCH 10, 1971
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City, State Belvidere, Ill. 61008
Date April 1, 1985

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2 Patrick	Murrin (II) p.b.	
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	1844 Ireland p.d	
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p.b.	i -	1867 <u>Harpers Ferry,</u>	Allenaukee Co. Iowa)	b.	(place of bth. 10.)
m.		10		m.	Cont. on Chart No. _____
d.	March 6, 1903			d.	(place of bth. 3)

211	b.	Secretary of the U.S. Court in that No.)
pd. Egin, Kane Co., Ill. Hospital Co.		
Mechan	p.b.	
Moran	m.	
Margaret		Secretary of the U.S.

b.	1800 Ireland	d.	22	(If entry of this, 11; Cont. on chart 100)
p.b.		p.d	11	
d.	April 21, 1898			

p.d. Boone Co., Ill..	
b.	(Number of No. 2)
p. h.	d. 23
(Number of No. 11, Cons. on chart No.)	

i. Theresa Anne Murrin
 b. March 26, 1890
 p.b. Belvidere, Boone Co., Ill.

m. April 11, 19 <u>48</u> St. James church a. March 6, 1967 p.d. Belvidere, Ill..	b. (Date of Mar.) 29	d. m.	Cont. on sheet 104
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(to U.S. 1818)		p.b.	b.	d.	(number of the 11, Cms. on short line)
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	1813 - 1819d.				

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3	Arne	d.	Hill	b.	Allumakke Co.-	27	(Date of Nov. 11, 1880)
				p.b.	(Aug. 16, 1880 file #11)		Case on chart 100

b. Nov. 27, 1849-51 Concord, p.d.
p.b. Merrimack Co., New Hampshire
Feb 18 1851

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ATTEMPTS		31	b.	(Order of No. 11, last on chart No.)
Michael James J. Birnheimer	(Source of No. 1)		b.	
b. Dec. 10, 1874			b.	
d. Dec. 22, 1953/54			d.	
1. Difference between 11 and 12				

John D. Williams, Jr., President

Julie Ann Bingenheimer Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler Martin W. Johnson Person No. 1 on this chart is the same
 Address 514 V. Minnesota person as No. _____ on chart No. _____
 John Jacob Blingethelmer
 16 John Jacob Blingethelmer
 Chart No. _____
 Person No. 1 on this chart is the same
 person as No. _____ on chart No. _____

City, State, Balvidera, Ill. 61008	by 1830
Date Nov. 23, 1985	by 1830

<p> <i>Ship</i> (red text) (arrived in N.Y. July 12, 1863) <i>Ship</i> John Henry Bingham <i>Ship</i> </p>	<p> p.b.Selzen, Nees-Darmstadt mAug. 6, 1869 & Apr. 23, 1810^b d. Sept. 7, 1871 (band)¹⁸⁹ </p>	<p> 1748² In Boreheim d. July 10, 1796 Selzen </p>
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Date of Birth Place of birth	Oct. 10, 1817 Hess-Barnstadt	Date of Death Place of death	1899 Gießen
Name Family name	Christiane Catherine	Name Family name	Christiane Catherine
Date of Birth Place of birth	Oct. 10, 1817 Hess-Barnstadt	Date of Death Place of death	1899 Gießen
Name Family name	Christiane Catherine	Name Family name	Christiane Catherine

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Valentine Bingemeyer

b. Aug. 29, 1869^(father of No. 1) d. _____ before 1870
Wisc. - census

p.b. Polk Twp., Washington Co., Wisc.^{p.d} 20 b. _____
-20^(father of No. 32)

m.	10	Becker	
d.	17, 1922	(if order of No. 3)	
d.	21	prussia	

	p.b.	b.	d.	ss
Hartford Obituary				
Katherine Becker				
Oct. 30, 1820 in or near				

b.	c.	d.	e.	f.	g.
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p.d. Kewaskum, Wisc. & grave there)	b. July 25, 1848 ?	(date of b. ?)	d.
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Anna Maria Catherine Reiche, m.	d.	Wisconsin 30	5,
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ph near Bamberg, Bavaria	ph d	Wisconsin 30	5,

d.	m.	Kr(a)mer	m.
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Theresa Anne Murfin (Irish-born)	b.		1740 + 2

Author	Year	Month	Day	Location	Notes
b. March 26, 1890	d. March 6, 1967	d.		p.h. Banberg	
p.h. Belvidere, Ill.	p.d. Belvidere, Ill.	p.d.		Wisconsin	

ROBERT FRANCIS BINGENHEIMER FAMILY

Robert F. Bingenheimer is the grandson of Tara Ann Johnson. See her father & Uncle's biography. Robert was born Jan. 2, 1921 in Belvidere, Ill., the son of Michael J. Bingenheimer & Theresa Ann Martin. Robert enlisted in WW II in Chicago, Illinois. He was in active combat duty with the U.S. Marines, in the South Pacific, losing 1 1/2 fingers & receiving the Purple Heart Medal.

After returning from the war he taught himself the electricians trade & continued this work until his retirement. He married Joan Mae Esther York July 7, 1953 at St. James church. She was born Aug. 2, 1933 in Belvidere. They passed away Aug. 10, 1985. Children are James Bingenheimer, Julie Ann Bingenheimer, Robert F. Bingenheimer & Daniel Bingenheimer. Daniel Bingenheimer played basketball for Belvidere High School and was an exceptional basketball player at Mc. Carmel, Ill. He attended Catholic Community College and Winona State University of Minnesota at Columbia, Minn., playing at both on full scholarships. He played one year pro ball for France. He now plays pro ball for Spain the last two years. Julie is Tara's mother.

Robert Sr.'s father Michael Bingenheimer was born in West Bend, Wisconsin Dec. 10, 1874. Son of Valentine Bingenheimer and Rose Amelia Weininger. Valentine Bingenheimer's father Henry J. Bingenheimer was born Oct. 10, 1817 in Salzen, Rhineland Province, West Germany on Rhine river south of Mainz. He was a Civil War Veteran in Company B., 17th Wisconsin Infantry. His parents & family arrived in N.Y.C. July 12, 1843 on ship Fred Perry. They went on to Milwaukee area. His father John Adam J. Bingenheimer was drafted by Napoleon in Europe. John's father was Johannes Jacobus Bingenheimer. Salzen was previously in province of Pader-Bornstadt in 1700's. See John Adam Joseph Bingenheimer pioneer certificate application at Wisconsin State Hist. Library or West Bend, Wisc..

Michael Bingenheimer came to Belvidere about 1913 from Minneapolis, Minn.. He was a meat butcher. He went broke during the depression by giving the poor meat on credit, which he never was paid. A Uncle Ferdinand Bingenheimer came here before him. A brother Charles lived in Rockford, Ill.. Other relatives lived in Ill., Wisc., & Minn.. Michael's wife Theresa Ann Martin was born in Belvidere March 26, 1890, the daughter of Patrick Martin II & Anne Hill. Patrick Martin family donated the stained glass window at the St. James Catholic church. Martin Property was used when the St. Joseph Hospital was built. The Martin's came from Killybegs, Kilcar, Donegal Co., Ireland. The Hill's came from Tipperary Co.?, Ireland to Concord, Merrimack Co., New Hampshire in 1688. Going to Rockford, Taylor Twp., Allamakee Co., Iowa a few years later. Then they came to Belvidere. In 1870 the Martin's were in four families in Boone Co.. Owen Martin, John Martin, James Martin & Patrick Martin Sr., Earlier the Martin's were in Peoria, Ill. area. They came to the U.S. about 1860. The

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Mc Donald's were born in Tipperary Co., Ireland. They were Scotch Irish. The Reicher's came about 1848. The Weininger's came about 1845.

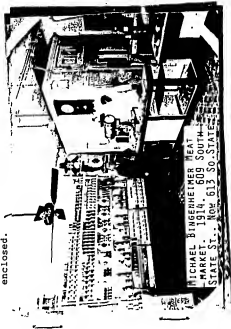
The oldest proven York ancestor is William York who was born Jan. 22, 1849 in Germany. He came to the U.S. about 1873 to Chicago. Married there 1 in 1875 to his wife Augusta Mildred Gause / Gause. The York name was previously York and Yerkse and Gebre etc. in Dubuque church records in Union, Riley & Marengo, Ill.. The Abraham's came from Waterbury or Westerhouse, New Statin Co., West Prussia in about 1874 to Chicago & later Mc Henry & Boone Co.. Also the Gause's. The Yerkse / Gebre / York / Yerk families came from Pomerania? state in Germany. Joan's father Walter Albert Yerkse was born in Marengo area March 14, 1890. He was married to Rose Mildred Bertha Behne Nov. 11, 1907 in Union, Ill.. The Behne's came to Mc Henry Co. in 1881 & 1883. Later to Boone Co., Ill.. Rose Behne was born Nov. 13, 1886 in Marengo, Ill.. area, a daughter of Edward Behne & Amelia Emilia Natz. Edward was born Jan. of Feb. 1850 in Labes, (Tivoli), Pomerania, North of the larger village of Labes. The Natz / Nattz / Nates families came in 1878 & 1882 to Mc Henry Co.. Many families stopped off in Chicago when they first arrived in the U.S.. Some of the only existing records are church records. which need to be microfilmed and made admissible.

Robert's brother Joseph Bingenheimer lives in Cupertino, California. His sister Mary Bingenheimer lives in North Chicago, Ill.. She has a son Michael Bingenheimer (Cegieliski). Joseph was in the Navy.

The first Bingenheimer Meat Market was at 609 So. State St., Now 613. (in 1914). A picture of the Bingenheimer's Meat Market is enclosed.

Martin W. Johnson
Martin Wm. Johnson

Martin William Johnson
1914-1944
Belvidere, IL 61008



MICHAEL BINGENHEIMER MEAT MARKET
1914, 609 SOUTH STATE ST., NOW 613 SO. STATE ST.

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HUSBAND (Full name) Claus Johannsen/Jannssen
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 Mar. (date) _____ Place _____
 Died (date) _____ Place _____
 Bur. (date) _____ Place _____
HUSBAND'S FATHER (Full name) _____
HUSBAND'S MOTHER (Full maiden name) _____
HUSBAND'S SISTER (Full maiden name) _____

WIFE (Full maiden name) Margarethe Liesabeth Geisler
 Born (date) 1775 ??? Place Kronprinzenkoog ???
 Chr. (date) _____ Place _____
 Died (date) (August) 25, 1828 * Place Barlterdaich / Balt
 Bur. (date) (Sept) 1775 * Place _____
WIFE'S FATHER (Full name) _____
WIFE'S MOTHER (Full maiden name) _____
WIFE'S SISTER (Full maiden name) _____
WIFE'S BROTHER (Full name) _____

No.	Sex	Full names CHILDREN		WHEN BORN		WHERE BORN		DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE		WHEN DIED		
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1	M	Jürgen	Jannsen/Jannssen/Johannssen							Feb. 26, 1832		
2	F	Trina	Tramann							Sept. 2, 1832	14 Nov. 1883	
3	M	Jacob	Jannssen/Johannssen	8 Feb. 1806		Kronprinzenkoog ???	South-Dithmar	G		Sept. 2, 1832	14 Nov. 1883	
4	M	Claus	Johannsen	1 Feb. 1811		"	"	"		Sept. 2, 1832	14 Nov. 1883	
5	M	Heinrich	Johannssen/Johannsen	1/23 May 1816		Kronprinzenkoog ???	South-Dithmar	G		Feb. 21, 1841	9 May 1894	
6	M	Johann	Johannsen	10.11.1808		"	"	"		Nov. 21, 1830	14 Nov. 1883	
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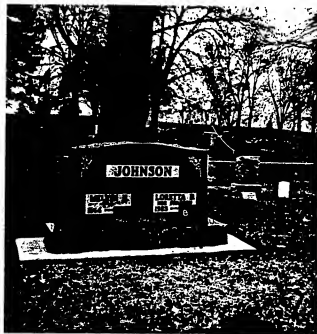
SOURCES OF INFORMATION Martin Wm. Johnson
 514 West Menominee
 Belvidere, Illinois 61008 U.S.A.

OTHER MARRIAGES

ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER.
 DATES: 1. Age 1794.
 PLACES: Shaded. Marriages. *
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FAMILY
 GROUP
 RECORD

Tara's other civil War Veteran
Ancestor Henry Singendeimer is
Buried at St. Johns Wisconsin Catholic
Church cemetery.



future grave of Martin's parents.
Glencoe, Minn. cemetery.



← his father
Jacob

Jannsen Johanna
is buried at St.
John's cemetery
Biscay, Minn.

Martin W.M. Johnson's St. St. Grandpa
grave Glencoe, Minnesota cemetery.
My Daughter Tara Ann Johnson age 4.
I plan on being buried here in future.

WILLIAM M. (BILL) JOHNSON FAMILY

William Johnson is a brother to Martin M. Johnson, Bill was born May 30, 1951 in Glencoe, McLeod Co., Minn., son of Marvin H. Johnson & Loretta D. Swenson. (See Martin M. Johnson family biography). The Johnson name was Johannessen & Janssen in Kronprinzengut & Marne, Holstein, Germany. Bill grew up in Le Sueur, Minnesota. He came with his parents & brother to Belvidere, Ill. in summer of 1982. He was a outstanding wrestler & track member in High School sports. His hobbies are hunting & fishing. Bill works for Dean Foods, since 1971. He has been married twice. His first wife was Ann Marie Hess born Dec. 5, 1955 in Belvidere, Ill. They were married at the Presbyterian church July 31, 1971. Two sons are Shaun Duane Johnson born Sept. 10, 1971 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford, Ill. Jamie Maureen Johnson born Oct. 4, 1972 at Rockford Memorial Hospital. Both boys were adopted by their maternal grand parents after Bill & Ann's divorce. Their names were changed to Hess. Shaun went into the Navy last year, enlisting from Seattle, Washington. The Johnson & Hess ancestors were Civil War Veterans on the northern Union side. The Hess ancestors were also Revolutionary War Veterans. See James Malone Hess Jr. biography.

Bill's second wife is Cindy Klassen born Jan. 8, 1949 in Freeport, Ill., daughter of Paul Klassen & Ruby Lang. Three children are: Sonya Elaine Johnson born July 14, 1977. Tasha E. Johnson born Sept. 1, 1979. Jarrahah Joshua Johnson born Sept. 3, 1981. All three born in Rockford, Ill. They live on North Olson Road in Caladonia, Ill. They plan on building a home in Belvidere. They were married August 10, 1974 in the Church by the road in Rockton, Ill., next to Wagon Wheel resort. Cindy has a Masters degree in Physical Education & one in counseling & Teaching, from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Ill. The Klassen's name was originally Klassen. They came from Laurel, Baden Co., East Prussia, West Germany. One line went on to Charles City, Iowa. The east Prussian Lutherans in Ill. & Iowa etc., published a german paper-Oeffentliche Nachrichten, in Breda, Iowa. It has many obituaries & is indexed by K.H. De Mall. Cindy's Klages ancestors came from Leopoldsdorf, Horn Co., Lippe Detmold, West Germany. The Schweppe's also. The Lang's may have come from Bodelsvier, Baden, West Germany. The Iersmann/Siemann's came from Brakelsdorf, West Germany. The Court/Rurtz ancestors came from Hannover area. Locke's came from Lippe Detmold area. Bill's niece is Tara Ann Johnson of Belvidere. Bill has a half sister Phyllis Anne (Johnson) Rohloff in Le Sueur, Minn.. Lang surname is sometimes spelled as Long in records.

Submitted by - Martin M. Johnson

Martin William Johnson
Belvidere, IL 61008
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MEYER H. JOHNSON & LORETTA D. (SWENSON) JOHNSON FAMILY

The Johnson's were early settlers in Illinois & Minnesota. The Johnson surname is considered German, because it is originally from Kronprinzengut & Marne, South Dithmarschen county, Holstein, Germany, NW of Hamburg. In the records there the surname varies from Johannessen & Janssen. It is probably Danish back in the 1600's. The Johnson's have always married all or half German women. They were either Ev. Lutheran, Congregational or United Church of Christ founders & members up until we moved to Belvidere, Ill. in 1982. Also see the Martin M. Johnson & William Martin Johnson biographies.

Malvin H. Johnson was born July 26, 1914 in Glencoe, McLeod Co., Minnesota. He was first married to Freda Wilson in 1938 in Woodland, Washington State. Freda was born in Coquille, Coos Co., Oregon. Her parents were Frank H. Wilson & Laura. His second marriage was to Loretta D. Swenson May 2, 1947 in Berkeley, California. A daughter Phyllis Anne Johnson was born April 13, 1942 in Benton or Coos Co., Oregon. Her mother was Mel's first wife Freda Wilson. By his second wife Loretta were born two sons - Martin M. Johnson born July 6, 1948 in Rapid City, South Dakota. (Bill) William Martin Johnson born May 30, 1951 in Glencoe, Minnesota. Mel's marriage took place at the Ev. Lutheran Bethlehem church. Mel grew up on the 1862 Johnson farm homestead by Riscoy, Minn.. He graduated from high school several years early. He won the Minnesota State spelling Bee twice. He graduated from the Minnesota School of Business in the Twin Cities. Taking short hand & rapid calculations in math & other business courses. He welded ships during WW II. In 1940 he went to work for Green Giant Co., at their main home plant in Le Sueur, Minn.. He was transferred to Belvidere, Ill. in 1962 as warehouse superintendent. He convinced the home office to expand the Belvidere plants warehousing operation and made it a major distribution point for Green Giant Co.. This is why the plant remained open when others just north across into Wisconsin closed latter.

Since his retirement in 1975, Mel fishes and travels the year round. He is a past exalted ruler of the Belvidere Elks Lodge no. 1580. He has given 12,000. to Elks National Foundation. The Elks give out scholarships each year to students. He is a member of the Bell Stone fishing club and the NDA etc.... He is a member of Le Sueur, Minn., Mel, Loretta & their son Martin M. Johnson plan on being buried in the Glencoe, Minn. City cemetery. Mel's great grandpa William Claus Christian Johnson was a corporal in the Union Army during the Civil War. He served at Chattanooga, Tenn. in Company L., first Minn. Heavy Artillery. His brother Peter H. Nicolas Johnson died there & is buried in the National Cemetery at Nashville, Tenn.. William was elected to the Minn. state house of Representatives in 1885, from

McLeod Co., Minn.. Williams parents are buried in St. Johns U.C.C. cemetery near Blacely, Minn.. See Illinois Pioneer certificate application in Springfield (1853 Ill. pioneer). See 1868, 1917 & 1978 History of McLeod Co., Minn. History books. The Johnsons settled in Half Day, Vernon Twp., Lake Co., Ill.. in 1853 & 1854. The Rathje's (Rogers) also settled there. The family names were changed there. Rathje became Rogers. Johannsen / Janssen became Johnson. By 1861 they had all moved on to Minn., Iowa & Wisconsin.

Loretta D. (Swanson) Johnson Neils wife was born June 2, 1923 in Glencoe, Minn.. The family name was originally Swendsen and they came to Baldwin, Wisconsin in 1883. My mother and her sisters were in a traveling circus as young adults and were very musically inclined. She was in the stage show's song & dance show and part of the high flying trapeze act. She had a elephant put it's foot on her stomach. After she won a beauty contest in Minneapolis / St. Paul, Minn., she went out to Hollywood, California and was one of Earl Carroll's Ten most beautiful women of the world. He had the famous Hollywood motion picture theater shows there. Loretta's father died Oct. 30, 1907 in Glencoe, Minn., and is buried in the Fort Snelling National cemetery in Minneapolis, Minn.. A WW I veteran, service no. 3369940. Served in France & in Germany. Her mother is living in Glencoe, Minn., & Watertown, Minn.. She was taken in by the Home family after her parents divorced. Her grandmother was taken in by the Ellers family after the mother died from child birth complications. Some Biographies and court house records have the adopted names in them.. See Wisconsin Pioneer certificate applications in Madison & Watertown, Wisc.. for families of Dobbratz, Knick, Zarnke, Swendsen / Swanson, I submitted.

Neils brother William C. Johnson was a Marine in the South Pacific during WW II. He married Patty Jean Ball in 1947 in Berkeley, Calif.. He was the owner of a large reduced brokerage firm in Calif.. Neils brother Morris E. Johnson married Doris Allison Aug. 25, 1938 in Hutchinson, Minn.. He is living in Rhoda, Minn.. He is a well known band instructor. Teaching his band to several Rose Bowl football games. He is mentioned in who's who in band journals. See charts & genealogical inf. in back of books Martin Wm. Johnson has published and in Salt Lake City Genealogical Library and its Public library. A picture of Loretta D. (Swanson) Johnson & Melvin H. Johnson is enclosed.

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For Melvin H. Johnson Family Biography →

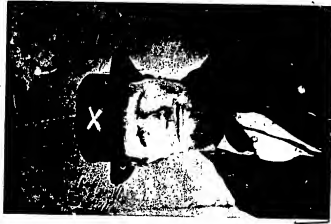
Loretta D. (Swanson) Johnson, 1946
-Earl Carroll's Theater in Hollywood,
California.



Melvin H. Johnson



Claus Christian William Johnson/Johannsen/Janssen, born Jan. 5, 1833 in Kronprinzengrog, Holstein, Germany. Son of Jacob Johannsen/Janssen b. Feb. 8, 1806 in area of Marne, & Mary Wiebke Caroline Holthusen b. Jan. 9, 1814 in Marne. Williams wife was Augusta Wiebke Rathje b. Feb. 27, 1824 in Kattrepel, daughter of Jacobin John Rathje b. 1768-70 in Gravel. & Caroline Magdalena Elis. Dortes Dreesen b. 1790 in Birgen. William came to Lake Co., Illinois in about May 15, 1853. Augusta and Williams parents arrived in about 1854. By 1859 Jacob and son Peter Nicholas Johnson/Johannsen/Janssen were in Mc Leod Co., Minn.. William and wife & family arrived in Mc Leod Co., Minn. late in 1860. William was a Corporal in the union army of the north in the American civil war. Enlisting in Company L, 1st. Minn. Heavy Artillery. His brother Peter b. ^{McLeansville} Aug. 15, 1846 in Kronprinzengrog died in 1864 in the civil war of measles in Chattanooga, Tennessee. William was elected to the Minnesota state house of representatives from Mc Leod Co., Minn. in 1888. William owned a large farm and hotel. He died June 28, 1901 in Glencoe, Minnesota. Augusta died Nov. 10, 1899 in Glencoe. Jacob died Nov. 14, 1883 in Piscay, sumter twp., Mc Leod Co., Minn.. His wife Mary died about 1859 in Illinois, Wisconsin or Minnesota. John Rathje died Dec. 20, 1843 in Delchshorn. Caroline died Sept. 12, 1845 in Delchshorn. Williams brother Heinrich Johnson/Johannsen/Janssen b. June 1, 1838 Kronprinzengrog died May 9, 1894. Williams son Charles Christian Johnson b. 1853 Illinois, and his son William Albert H. Johnson b. 1887 Minnesota, and his son Melvin Harry Johnson b. 1914 Minn., and his son Martin William Johnson b. 1948 South Dakota, and his daughter Tara Ann Johnson b. 1983 Illinois are all direct line descendants of the above. None of the above fought in the two world wars. Martin William Johnson 514 West Menominee, Belvidere, Illinois 61008. The names were changed to Johnson & Rogers after they arrived in Lake Co., Ill..

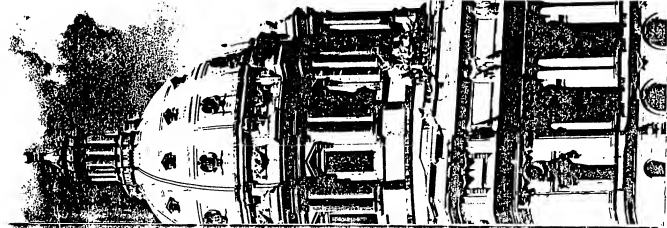


Claus Christian William Johnson/Johannsen/Janssen



Augusta Wiebke (Rathje) Johannsen/Janssen

Claus Christian Johnson/Johannsen/Janssen
1st. Minnesota Heavy Artillery
1833 Kronprinzengrog, Marne,
Holstein Co., Holstein, Germany.
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Co. Illinois, 1860 To Sumter, Mc Leod
Co. Father was Jacob Johnson - buried
in William died June 28, 1901 in Glencoe, Minn..



MINNESOTA CONGRESSMEN, LEGISLATORS, and other ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS

An Alphabetical
Check List, 1849-1971

Compiled by M. F. TOENSTING

SEE page 62. NO. 118
Martin Wm. Johnson
ancestor.

110. JOHNSON, T. H. 1875-1886
Oreter Trail, Ferguson Falls. H 1931;
S 1935-37 (40)
111. JOHNSON, Treston 1831-1816
Houston, Spring Grove, Hamer.
H 1869, 1871 (13); 1873; S 1887-89
(1)
112. JOHNSON, Verne C. 1975-
Hennepin, Minneapolis. H 1955 (30)
113. JOHNSON, Victor L. 1871-1925
Chicago, Concor City. S 1907-13 (32)
114. JOHNSON, Victor L.
Kittson, Lake Bronson. H 1899-65
(67)
115. JOHNSON, W. H. 1824-
Hennepin, Minneapolis. H 1878-79
(28)
116. JOHNSON, W. H.
Madison, Schoka. H 1919 (51)
117. JOHNSON, W. H.
Murray, Paula. H 1883 (7)
118. JOHNSON, William ¹⁸⁷² 1872-
McLeod, Glencoe. H 1885 (35)
119. JOHNSON, William E. 1850-
Hennepin, Minneapolis. S 1895-97
(29)
120. JOHNSON, Conrad ¹⁸²⁵ 1825-
Fergus Falls, Minn. H 1839-1901
(9)
121. JOHNSON, T. J.
Frederick, Albert Lea. S 1873-74 (5)
122. JOHNSON, James 1834-
Frederick, Albert Lea. S 1907-13 (53), 1915-
17, 1827-28 (21)
123. JOHNSON, Ray S. 1934-
Anson, Bader. H 1967 (37b)
124. JOHNSON, Willard C. 1866-1943?
Waseca, Waseca. H 1951, 1959 (14)
125. JOHNS, A. J. 1839-
McLeod, Hutchinson. H 1876 (36)
126. JOHNS, Oa Witz C. 1837-71?
Ramsey, St. Paul. H 1868 (1)
127. JONES, Edwin J. 1848-1890
St. Paul. S 1895-97 (49),
1899-1901 (57)
128. JONES, John D. 1849-1914
Tadousac, St. Paul. S 1895-97 (49),
1899-1901 (53)
129. JONES, John N. 1850-
Redwood, Tracy, Westline. H 1887,
1895 (9)
130. JONES, John R. 1828-1900
Fillmore, Chatfield. S 1858 (9)
131. JONES, Ireland 1824-
Goodhue, Red Wing. H 1874 (14)
132. JONES, W. S.
Oreter Trail, Battle Lake. H 1903 (39)
133. JONES, Ray W. 1855-1819
Hennepin, Minneapolis. H. Corr.
1/1903-1/07
134. JONES, Richard 1887-
St. Louis, Duluth. S 1915-17 (58)
135. JONES, Richard A. 1831-89
Oreter Trail, Battle Lake. H 1871 (12),
1872, 1879 (10)
136. JONES, Richard C. 1924-
Duluth, St. Paul. H 1951 (42)
137. JONES, Seymour 1864-
Wabasha, Wabasha. H 1889 (23)
138. JONES, Stiles P. 1823?-1861
Glusted, Rochester. S 1861 (12)
139. JONES, William 1824-
Gaucha, Hastings. H 1870 (7)
140. JONES, William P. 1828-
Blue Earth, Butterman Valley.
H 1877 (14)
141. JONES, William H. 1827-
Blue Earth, Jackson. H 1887 (10)
142. JOHNSON, T. C. 1832-
Frederick, Albert Lea. S 1873-74
(5); H 1887 (4)
143. JOHNS, Ralph R. 1913-
Carver, Moor. H 1961 (21), 1963-
65 (14), 1967-71 (14a)

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Parents never married.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT this is a true and correct copy of the
BIRTH record of TAMM-AHN JOHNSON
and that this record was established and filed in my office in
accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Statutes.

Dated JUNE 2, 1983 PAUL P. GILL COUNTY CLERK
By: Margaret E. Hudson
of DEPUTY

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE is a true and correct copy of the
 FILED
 JAMES MELDON JOHNSON
 and that this record was transmitted and filed in my Office in
 accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Statutes.

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 Deputy: *Linn Cane*
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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH REGISTRATION

NAME AND SEX OF CHILD: JAMIE MELISSA JOHNSON
FEMALE

DATE OF BIRTH: 1972
OCTOBER 10

PLACE OF BIRTH: ROCKFORD
ILLINOIS

DATE OF REGISTRATION: OCTOBER 10, 1972
REEL: 501 IMAGE: 1040

FILE NO: 112-72-093154

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE SET THE SEAL OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS, ON THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 1980

CLERK OF ILLINOIS
[Signature]
DEPUTY CLERK
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30 COUNTY CLERK

Adopted by his
Hess Grandparents,
Boone Co. Court House
has copy of Divinal C

Michael Knick born April 5, 1807 in Hohenfrang on Oder river south of Wipperfurde. Married Therese & Hansberg May 7, 1879. Died July 22, 1897 in Penn Twp., Adams Co., Minn. Lived in Martinville, Niagara Co. N.Y. 1803 - 1868. Arrived N.Y.C. Sept. 8, 1861, on ship Arab. Wife-Elizabeth Bernette Gensse born Jan. 11, 1815 in Hansberg on Oder River. Died Feb. 28, 1901 in Brewster, McLeod County, Minn. Both are buried in St. Matthews Lutheran church cemetery in back of church. Church records are on microfilm in Salt Lake City, say Lutheran dissident, went to Buffalo, Niagara Falls, N.Y.. Some of the entries duplicate entries in the Wipperfurde church books from 1803 to 1860. A few miles to the north. Michael Knick lived in Johnson & Dodge Co. Wisconsin, near Two Townships in Wisc.. Also in Oconomowoc, Monterey, Wis., in Haukeshau Co.. Moved to Penn Twp. McLeod Co., Minn. about 1890. Very area old Lutherans moved up to Penn Twp. and Gibson & Remond, Sibley Co.; Minn. by 1890. Children - Friedrich, William Friedrich, Maria Elizabeth, Christian, August, Rebecca, Michael Jr., Friedrich Ferdinand Pick.



-----Michael Knick Sr.-----
The name was mispelled as Connick on the 1850 Xenia, Jefferson county, Wisconsin federal census # 081. In New York State records it is sometimes mistaken for Ruck, because of the pointed script letter n in Knick surname. also Connick, Knick, Konnick (File this in your local history and genealogy collection)

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to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the founding of Washington County, the Affiliated Historical Societies of Washington County and the 150th Anniversary Committee are pleased to award this certificate to the following descendant of a pioneer settler who lived in Washington County by 1886.

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This certificate is awarded in special tribute to the following ancestors of the above descendant showing the year of settlement.

Michael and Anne Mary (Reichert) Henninger

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Awarded this 27th day of September 1966 in Washington County, Wisconsin.



County Clerk
County Board Chairman
Chairman Historical Committee

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Accession Chart

Name of Compiler: Martin W. Johnson
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 City, San Belvidere, Ill. 61009
 Date Jan. 5, 1986

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Accession Chart

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 Address: 511 N. Mendota -
 City, San Belvidere, Ill. 61009
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